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## REGIONAL DEFENSIVE TREATY FOR PACIFIC

### Discussions Now Going On In Commonwealth Nations LIKE ATLANTIC PACT

Canberra, March 14.

Discussions are now going on for the conclusion of a Pacific regional defence pact, embracing non-British as well as British countries, the Australian Defence Minister, Mr. John Dedman, stated here today.

## RANGOON'S OFFER TO KARENS

Rangoon, March 14.  
Burma's rebellion  
Karens in an autonomous state of  
their own today, reports  
reached Rangoon that the  
Karens have captured all of  
Mandalay.

A Rangoon newspaper said  
the Karen tribesmen had taken  
all of Burma's second largest city  
in a three-day battle with Gov-  
ernment forces. The Burmese  
Government admitted yesterday  
that part of Mandalay had been  
taken by the rebels. Mandalay,  
with a population of 200,000, is  
500 miles North of Rangoon on  
the Irrawaddy River.

The newspaper which reported  
the city in Karen hands is "Voice  
of the Peacock." It added that  
fighting is still going on outside  
the city, mainly along the banks  
of the Irrawaddy River.

It also reported that the Karens  
are attacking the city of Sagaing,  
across the river from Mandalay.

The Government, meanwhile,  
announced its acceptance of re-  
commendations for creation of a  
separate Karen state within  
the Burma union.

The Government said that  
boundaries of the new state will  
be determined by a plebiscite.

The Government also an-  
nounced an amnesty for Karens  
in Insein, a suburb of Rangoon,  
provided they lay down their  
arms by Thursday.

Rebels in other parts of Burma  
are called on to surrender by  
March 31 on similar terms.

The Government statement  
said that a 14-man protection  
committee headed by the Chief  
Justice, Sir Ba U, will supervise  
the collection of arms and pro-  
vide protection for the sur-  
rendering rebels.—Associated Press.

Mr. Dedman added that Britain has taken an active part in the talks. The pact, he said, will be similar to the Atlantic defence pact. Mr. Dedman's announcement came a few hours after Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, had arrived at Darwin on his way for talks with the Australian and New Zealand Governments.

An authoritative source told  
Reuters in Melbourne on Satur-  
day that the main purpose of  
the talks will be to establish  
Empire defence zones and that  
altogether seven Dominion  
countries are taking part in  
similar talks with British ex-  
perts during the next week.

After these discussions, a con-  
ference of Prime Ministers will  
be held in London, the sources  
said.

## CHINA URGED TO REMAIN - NEUTRAL

Shanghai, March 14.  
Dr. Sun Fo, outgoing Premier,  
urged China to take a neutral  
stand in the event of a third  
world war in a week-end  
statement quoted by Chinese  
newspapers this morning.

He was reported to have  
said that, from the stand-  
point of the Chinese people,  
China at present should  
neither be anti-United States  
nor anti-Soviet.

He attributed the lack of  
satisfactory results from  
China's past foreign policy  
to the deterioration of rela-  
tions between the wartime  
Allies, which affected the  
China situation.

Dr. Sun Fo added that  
China was not responsible  
for this state of world affairs.

Asked what would emerge  
of the Chinese Coalition Gov-  
ernment, he said: "I am not  
a prophet."—Reuters.

## Wide Field.

"There are many problems to be  
ironed out before the matter has  
reached the stage where anything  
useful can be said publicly about  
it."

"We would like to see the mem-  
bership of the pact spread over  
as wide a field as possible, including  
countries on the other side of the  
Pacific, as well as countries on  
this side. It is a most desirable  
goal and one which we hope to  
see achieved."

Lord Listowel, who arrived in  
Sydney today on his way to Can-  
berra, will deal with intimate  
details in connection with defence  
plans, according to authoritative  
sources.

He will confer informally with  
the Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley,  
today. Further talks, at which  
Mr. Dedman will be present, will  
be held tomorrow.

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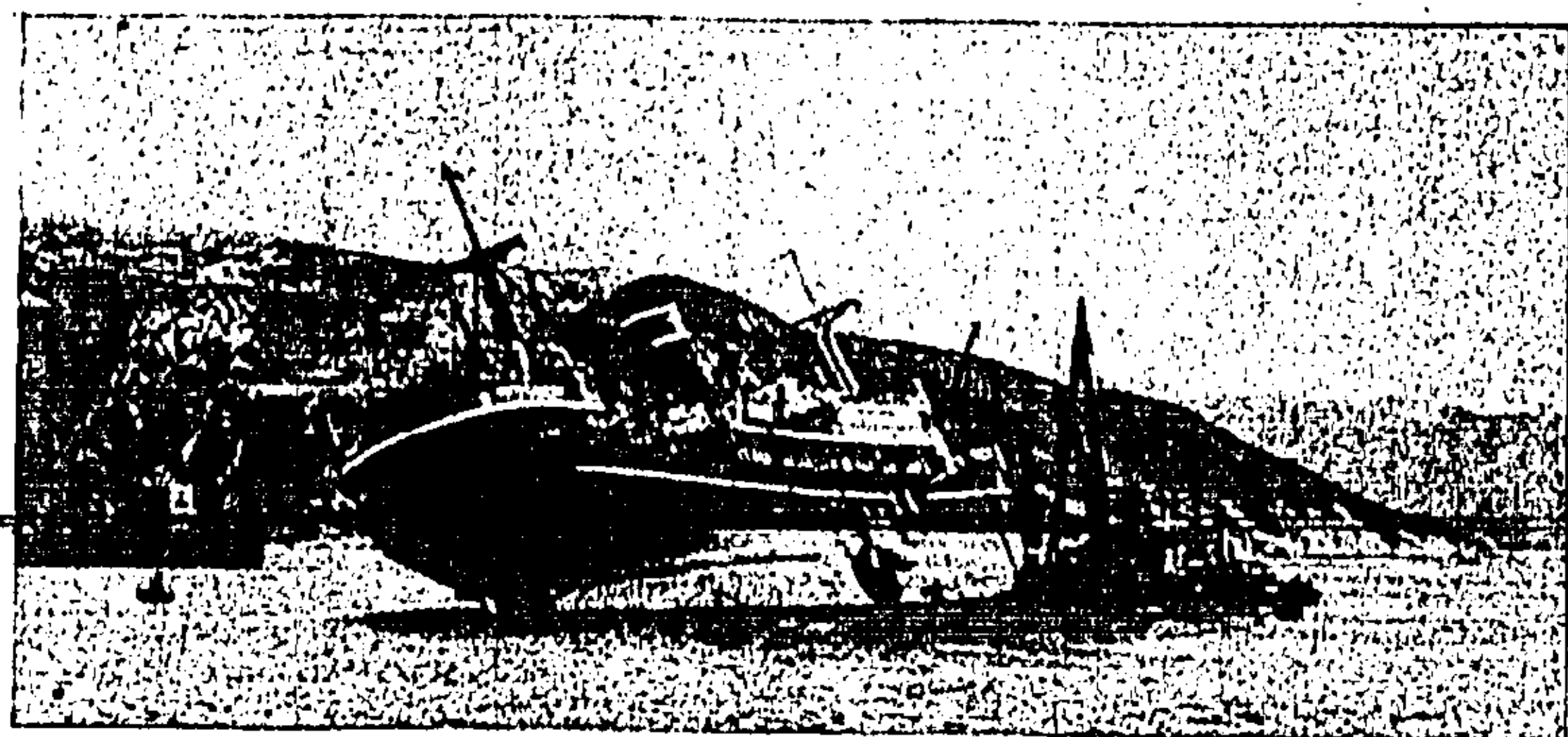
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Lying about 200 yards off the Taikeo Dockyard and listing at an acute angle, the ss. Haven is being surveyed by divers after being towed into port with a split forepeak and water-logged hold. The Chinese steamer, specially chartered by the IRO to evacuate OPs to the Philippines, struck a rock off Namkan Island, 10 miles South East of Waglan, last Sunday evening. No one was injured. ("China Mail" Photo).

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## Yuan Body's Decision To Impeach Sun Fo

Nanking, March 14.

A photostat copy of a letter, alleged to have been written by ex-Premier Sun Fo "for his beloved concubine, asking high-ranking officials to get back dyestuffs", said to belong to Miss Lan Li, was produced in the Control Yuan Committee by Mr. Chin Yeh-kwang, when the Committee decided to impeach Dr. Sun and his friend, Miss Lan Li.

Almost simultaneously with the decision to impeach Dr. Sun, the Control Yuan today decided not to proceed with 48 other cases in which it had decided to impeach Government officials.

Mr. Chin, who led the investigation into the allegations that Dr. Sun had attempted to get Japanese dyestuffs confiscated by the Controller of Enemy Property after the Pacific War, returned to Miss Lan Li, also produced a letter from an unnamed Minister in the Sun Fo Cabinet.

Both letters were said to have been addressed to Mr. Liu Kung-ying, former Governor of the Central Bank of China, who was dismissed from office by the Sun Fo Cabinet in January.

Mr. Chin read to the Yuan the alleged letter from Dr. Sun, in which he described the dyestuffs as belonging to his family, and asked that condition be investigated and the goods quickly returned.

The letter was said to have been signed: "I am grateful to you."

Mr. Chin was reported to have told the Yuan that the ex-Premier had acted "foolishly and illegally."

"If we did not severely punish him, how shall we eliminate public resentment and enhance the morale of our fighting forces?" he added.

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## REDS SET FOR YANGTSE DRIVE

Shanghai, March 14.

After two months' intensive preparations, the Communist Commander, General Chen Yi, is all set for a major offensive to eliminate the remaining Nationalist bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse River and begin a crossing attempt.

He is said to have completed the deployment of 300,000 troops grouped into 19 columns along the stretch of the river between An-king, 140 miles South West of Nanking, and Luwei, opposite the Nationalist fortress of Kiangyin, 85 miles North West of Shanghai.

The reports claim that at least four of these columns are "green," compared almost entirely of recruits without combat experience.

In addition to his own troops, General Chen Yi will have available as reinforcements 10 columns of General Liu Po-cheng's armies, which are at present operating in South Honan and East Hupei, and five columns of General Lin Piao's Manchurian troops.

The latter force was rumoured today to have already arrived at Hsuehchow, in North Kiangsu, by rail from the Peiping area.

The major Communist concentration points are given in these unconfirmed dispatches as Wuwei and Hsien in Anhwei province, to the North West of Nanking, and around Tsingking, Taichow, Taihang and Yangchow in Central Kiangsu.

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## Government Waiting For Nod From Reds

Nanking, March 14.

Mr. Shao Li-tao today denied press reports that the Government peace delegation is to proceed to Peiping within a week to begin talks with the Communists there.

Other official sources said the reports were merely speculation since the departure of the Government delegation would wait until the Communists announce their delegates and the time and place for the talks.

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## Communist Trade Bureau In HK?

Two Chinese Communist administrations in North China are planning to establish a trade bureau in Hong Kong to facilitate business with foreign countries, the vernacular "New Life Evening Post" reported yesterday.

Quoting a recent arrival from North China, the newspaper said that the Communist administrations of North East China and North China had reached a mutual agreement on foreign trade.

The agreement includes provision for the purchase of a shipping tonnage of 30,000 ocean-going vessels from 4,000 tons upwards, and coastal and inland river ships of less than 5,000 tons.

The informant, according to the "New Life Evening Post," said that representatives of the two administrations have already arrived in Hong Kong to purchase the required shipping tonnage.

The agreement between the two governments also provides for the establishment in the British Colony of a joint trade bureau, presumably to make official purchases and sales, and generally, to facilitate trade between the "Liberated areas" in North China and foreign countries.

Plans for such an organisation in Hong Kong are still under consideration.

Ships purchased in Hong Kong will be registered under the names of the two administrations and will fly the Chinese flag, whether the Kuomintang's national flag or the Hammer and Sickle, it was not stated.

## THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anticyclone covers N and Central China. From a shallow depression over Tientsin a trough of low pressure extends ENE along the S China coast to a depression over the Pacific SW of Tokyo. This depression is moving fairly rapidly. Slight pressure gradients prevail over the S China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh NNE wind, cloudy with intermittent rain during night and morning. Cooler.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 71.1 deg. F. Minimum 65.4 deg. F. Sunshine 7.5 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—190.0 mm.—0.08 in. as against an average of 111.3 mm.—4.38 in.

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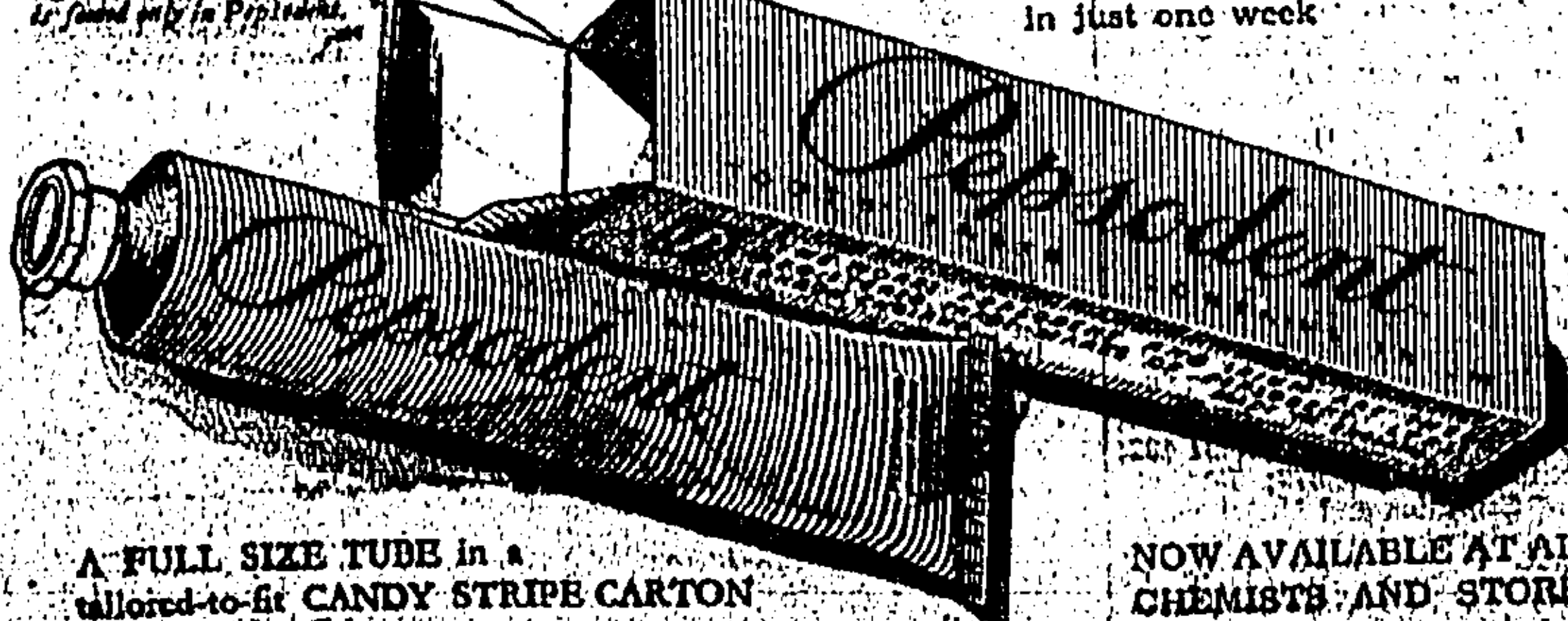
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## WARTIME LAND SALE DISPUTED IN ACTION

The sale of No. 184 Queen's Road Central during the Japanese occupation was disputed in an action before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, yesterday.

Tsui Chun, widow, residing at No. 172 Prince Edward Road, 2nd floor, the plaintiff in the action, claimed that she bought the property as far back as October 1912.

The sale of the property made by Fung Kwok-hing, representing himself as her agent or attorney, on February 20, 1945, was not recognised by her as, she said, Fung was at no time her attorney and he had no authority or right to assign the property or deal with it in any manner whatsoever.

She further stated that the assignment was made without her knowledge or consent, and claimed that defendants were in wrongful possession of the premises. She asked the Court for a declaration that the assignment made during the Japanese occupation is null and void and of no legal effect; that the defendants have no right or title to or interest

in the premises; and that she, plaintiff, as the sole beneficial owner of the premises, is entitled to possession. She claimed possession of the premises, mesne profits from date of the alleged wrongful assignment until date of possession, costs of the present action, and further other relief.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

### Defence Statement

Defendants in the action were Lui Suet-ying and Tang Sing-po, stated in the claim as married women, residing at 2, Queen's Road West, 2nd floor. They bought the property from Fung Kwok-hing on February 20, 1945.

Both women were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

In their statement of defence, Lui Suet-ying stated that she was a married woman residing at 11, Dragon Terrace, 1st floor, and Tang Sing-po claimed she was a widow residing at 45, Bonham Road, 2nd floor.

They admitted buying the property during the occupation, but they submitted that it was for plaintiff to prove that she was Tsui Chun in whom the premises became vested in the assignment.

They claimed that they were beneficial owners, having purchased the property by assignment through the attorney or agent of the owner. Mr. d'Almeida, opening for the plaintiff, said two issues are involved in the case. The first is ownership of the property, in respect of which the onus of proof is on the plaintiff.

### Onus Of Proof

The second issue is in regard to the assignment of the property during the Japanese occupation, and the onus of proof is on the defendants.

In support of his contention Mr. d'Almeida quoted various authorities on the subject.

Disputing this contention, Mr. Sheldon said such splitting of the issues and dealing with a case piecemeal, as it were, had not been done in 25 years. If a case could be split into two issues, it could also be split into 20 issues.

The only issue in the case, submitted Mr. Sheldon, is whether there was a power of attorney, and, if so, whether it was forged or not.

After legal arguments by counsel on both sides, hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. today for the Chief Justice to give a ruling on the point of onus of proof.

## Licence Was Not Genuine

Li Hing, a shop-folk of 918 Canton Road, was charged with affecting a public mischief by making a false statement to the Police, at Central yesterday.

On March 18, Li presented a lorry driver's licence for renewal at the Traffic Office Central Station. Investigation revealed that the licence was not genuine, but changed from a private car licence by erasing.

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo, defendant pleaded that he was a licensed private car driver. He was offered a job as a lorry driver, and his friend suggested that he change the licence for him.

He was given a chance to identify his friend, but he refused.

Li was fined \$800 or three months. His private car licence was, on the application of the Inspector Mackay, ordered to be cancelled.

## Chiang Kai-Shek Still In Chikow

Chikow (by phone to Shanghai), March 14. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still in Chikow and has no plans whatever to leave soon.

A member of Generalissimo's official family told the United Press that a report carried by another news agency that the Generalissimo has left here and gone to Kulung Island in Amoy Bay was entirely erroneous.

He said: "The Generalissimo is still right here in Chikow."

A report from Nanking said the Generalissimo had left the city and was privately circulating among leading Nanking Government officials.

Generalissimo's personal aide, said the Generalissimo two days ago, paid a brief visit to Ningpo, a port town 25 miles from Chikow, but immediately returned to his residence on Wuling Mountain near his mother's tomb.

He said the Generalissimo is continuing daily hikes, visiting countryside, villages, and has gained 10-15 pounds weight since leaving Nanking.

The Generalissimo now weighs 180 pounds, said Captain Shiao.

He added: "The Generalissimo absolutely has no plans of leaving Chikow now or for the time being."

Meanwhile, with their belongings, huddled together on the rocky beach about 100 yards from the shore, the

## Legalising Charity Lotteries

St. Vincent de Paul Society—one of the biggest charitable organisations in the Colony—will be able to run its annual lottery this year provided a Bill, to be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow, passes its Third Reading.

An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance of 1891 will have its First Reading at the Council meeting tomorrow. It assimilates the law in Hong Kong to that of the United Kingdom, making it legal for lotteries, to be run as an incident of entertainment organised by charitable institutions to raise funds.

Under existing provisions of the principal Gambling Ordinance, such lotteries are illegal. They are, however, legal in the United Kingdom provided that certain conditions are complied with.

The conditions are included in the proposed amendment. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was not allowed to be run last year by the authorities.

## Solent For Hong Kong Delegation

The specially-chartered Short Solent flying-boat which is to fly Hong Kong's industrial delegation to the British Industries Fair at London and Birmingham in May is due to arrive in the Colony in the middle of next month.

On her flight to the United Kingdom, the Solent will touch Hong Kong, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria and Augusta.

The Solent has a wing-span of 114 feet. Her length is 96 feet and all-up weight totals 78,000 pounds. Her power units consist of four Bristol Hercules Type 637, 14-cylinder engines, giving a total of 2,200 horse-power.

The Solent has a cruising speed of 210-miles-an-hour, and accommodation for 31 passengers and between eight and 10 crew. Passengers are accommodated on two decks in five cabins.

All seats in the Solent are adjustable and are equipped with collapsible tables. The upper deck has a lounge.

There is also a lounge and a bar on the lower deck. The flying-boat has three toilets and two dressing rooms.

## BOAC TRAFFIC INCREASING

British Overseas Airways Corporation flew a total of 19,333 tons of cargo in 1948, an increase of 40 per cent and 88 per cent, respectively, compared with the previous year's figures.

It was officially announced yesterday that in tons, the cargo carried by BOAC totalled 3,168 and mail amounted to 1,767 air between Europe and America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

In addition, many millions of tons-miles were flown by British Overseas Airways and the British charter companies.

A considerable amount of the huge volume of traffic went in the first instance to BOAC's cargo handling unit at Airways Terminal, Buckingham Palace Road, London, where some 1,000 employees a week are received from consignors who wish to send goods by air to all parts of the world.

By the cargo booking system in operation, consignments are booked for particular services.

The revised Air Freight booklet summarises the facilities, conditions of carriage, documentation and C.O.P. systems, and are available free of charge from the BOAC office or its agents.

### CAR ACCIDENT

An Austin 1000, driven by Mr. A. T. B. Burdons of 50B, The Peak had an accident at the junction of May Road and Garden Road last night.

## SHIP HITS ROCK, TOWED INTO PORT

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Panic among her crew and their persistent pleas compelled the master of the ss. Haven to radio for assistance a few hours after the Chinese steamer struck a rock in thick fog off Namkai Island, 10 miles South East of Waglan, at 6.05 p.m. last Sunday.

"The Haven was not in danger at any time after the accident, although she listed heavily two miles off Waglan," Mr. George Churche, aged 59, Polish master of the "Refugee Ship," stated aboard the vessel when interviewed.

The Haven, which was en route from Manila to call for

bankers here after discharging 600 DPs from Shanghai at Samar Island, was towed into port yesterday with a split forepeak and listing heavily on her port side. Her No. 1 hold was only dented but became water-logged as a result of the leak from the damaged forepeak.

All hands, including several Chinese Quarantine Service doctors, are safe. No one was injured. Divers from Talkoo Dockyard examined the ship, which was lying off Talkoo listing at an angle of about 30 degrees, and reported a large stretch of the forepeak was opened up but a length of five feet there is no damage.

"According to regulations I cannot call for help unless there is danger of sinking," the China Coast veteran declared. "We were quite safe after hitting the rock and it was only when we were about two miles from Waglan that the Haven listed heavily. There the personnel from the steward department became panicky and took matters into their own hands."

### Caught In Fog

Relating his experience, Mr. Churche said—

"The Haven was travelling along the normal course of 02 degrees North-West with instructions to pick up 1,000 tons of coal at Hong Kong before going up to Shanghai for another of her refugee missions."

"On approaching the Colony we were soon enveloped by a shroud of fog. After a few hours it became worse and I made a 180-degree turn reversing to sea to wait for it to clear."

"Forty minutes later, I returned again and took the 30-degree North-West course towards Waglan."

"The currents were very strong then and it became gradually foggy. Visibility was nil. Suddenly I noticed a black form ahead and ordered full speed astern immediately. This evidently saved the ship from serious damage."

"We were reversing when we hit the rock. But within 10 seconds the Haven was refloated and we anchored about three miles off the spot."

"No apparent damage was noticeable then. When I dragged we made for Waglan under our own steam, travelling slowly to make sure."

### Gradual List

"Two miles off Waglan, we anchored again in thick fog. The Haven began to list gradually deeper to her port side. There the trouble started."

"The crew became panicky and began signalling for help by means of the ship's alarm. Persistent requests from them forced me to instruct the operator to flash the SOS."

"The lifeboats were lowered for emergency only. Most of the crew had donned their life-jackets. They belonged to the steward department, who caused me the same trouble during the voyage to the Philippines."

"About 30 packed into a lifeboat and deserted the ship. But under advice they stayed nearby because of the fog. Shortly after another 20 put off in another boat."

"Then a Norwegian steamer, apparently entering port, a Marine Police launch and the ss. Talkoo Cheong arrived. The men in the two lifeboats boarded the steamer, followed by a third boat, which was filled with another 20 deserters."

### "Landlubbers"

"As a precaution I agreed to be towed into port although our engines were in good condition."

"By the time we reached the harbour the Haven had listed heavily. More men deserted the ship this morning," Mr. Churche said.

Recalling an experience when the same "deserters" became panicky for no apparent reason, Mr. Churche said: "When I was selecting the Haven through a narrow channel, to Samar Island he had to make a sudden angle turn to get through. They were not in danger at all and the ship was not even listing. But the crew panicked, put on their life-jackets and stood by to put off."

The passengers were calm. "These people are not seamen at all; most of them are landlubbers who apparently go to sea to earn more, perhaps to be marked."

Meanwhile, with their belongings, huddled together on the rocky beach about 100 yards from the shore, the

15 seamen waited for relief from the Chinese Seamen Union.

Mostly from the Steward's department, they declared that they would not return to the ship.

### Doctor's Story

It could not be confirmed officially last night whether the CSU would consider providing relief under the circumstances.

Two doctors, who travelled with the refugees to the Philippines, disembarked here. Dr. T. Chao of the Shanghai Quarantine Service and Dr. Choo of the Tientsin Quarantine Service were among several Chinese doctors aboard the Haven. Dr. Chao was ship surgeon of the ss. Hwailien, which is also operating as a refugee ship. He joined the Haven for the return trip to Shanghai.

Dr. Chao said they had just finished supper at about 6 p.m. when he was shaken off his feet by a sudden jolt. He rushed out and was informed of the accident. "It was exceptionally foggy and we could hardly see more than a few feet," he said.

Mr. Churche, complimented his officers, engineers and the majority of the deckhands who remained aboard throughout the ordeal. "They behaved like real seamen and went about their duties calmly," he said.

### IRO Statement

In a Press release, Mr. Wm. N. Collison, Director of the IRO Hong Kong Branch Office, reported last night that the IRO evacuation programme in Shanghai will not be impeded by the Haven accident, since there are several other IRO chartered vessels at present in the Far East.

The Haven, he said, was due here yesterday for coal and water and also to load 500 bags of IRO flour for the refugee camp on Samar. She was expected to leave for the Philippines.

The Haven, formerly the ss. Montoro, made her first appearance in local waters late last year with personnel and dependents of the Wah Sung Shipping Company of Shanghai. She was re-named by the IRO as the Haven when she was chartered specially for the refugee mission.

### HOLD-UP AT LAICHIKOK

An Indian watchman employed by the Standard Oil Company was attacked and robbed by two Chinese early yesterday at the Laichikok installation.

The watchman, A. Singh, aged 45, was walking along the sea wall when the two men approached him, one armed with a piece of iron pipe. One of the men hit him on the head with the pipe.

A fellow watchman found his friend lying unconscious, some fifty yards away. Singh was taken to hospital where he has recovered. Singh was robbed of a gold ring and valuables amounting to approximately \$140.

### AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES

Wearing of uniforms closely resembling official uniforms will become an offence under proposed amendments to the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, which will have their effect from tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting.

The amendments will also make it an offence to take photographs, make portraits or sketches in court of any person, judge, of the court, juror or a witness in or a party to any proceedings before the court.

Publishers of such photographic portraits or sketches will also become illegal by the amendments. Photographs of the persons concerned, entering or leaving the courtroom or the court's precincts will also be prohibited.

The amendments are designed to prevent undesirable publicity in the way of photographs of those administering the law or appearing in court, said an official statement. Opportunity has also been taken to centralise control in the Commissioner of Police in matters concerning the maintenance of order in public places.

### NAMES CHANGED

The name of the Imports and Exports Department will be changed to Department of Commerce and Industry next month.

The Supplies, Trade and Industry Department's name is also to be changed to Department of Commerce and Industry.

## Kowloon Court Brevities

Bail of \$10,000 was asked at Kowloon by Detective-Sub-Inspector Sumner who prosecuted Yu Yau-mel on a charge of possession of arms.

Mr. Y.K. Kwan, of Lo and Lo, representing the defendant, asked for a reduction in the amount claiming that his client was a Chinese Government official and that he was in possession of the gun for security measures only.

Defendant was found with an American sub-machine gun with some 100 rounds of ammunition. Bail of \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 surety was granted by Mr. Blair-Kerr who remanded the case till Friday.

Let down by his partner in crime, Wang Muk-kong lost his share of the loot and gained for himself three months' hard labour, and deportation for life.

Wong stole a bicycle from a shop, delivered it to his accomplice and told him to sell it. He returned to the shop and did the same thing over again.

After stealing the two bicycles, he told his accomplice to sell them and meet him at the ferry to split the money. His friend never showed up.

Inspector H.B. Evans was in charge of the case.

Chased by an old woman with a stick, a 15-year-old boy threw a sickle at her, causing injury to her left temple.

Inspector Orem said that the boy and the old woman's son were playfully throwing pebbles at each other at Lantau.

Some pebbles fell into a basket of tomatoes belonging to the woman. The boy was sharpening his sickle at the time.

At the juvenile court, the boy was bound over in the sum of \$250 for one year, by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Two fishermen argued over a debt of 50 cents which must have meant a lot to one of them, for the other received an axe wound on the head because of it.

Mr. Blair-Kerr granted Inspector Orem's application for three days' remand as the wounded fisherman is still in hospital.

Gold valued at about \$45,000 was ordered to be confiscated to the I and E by Mr. Blair-Kerr from two men who attempted to export 10 bars.

Revenue Inspector Knox, prosecuting, said that from information, a certain party had been carefully watched. The men had the gold concealed in their socks.

"You are a bad boy and need a good thrashing," said Mr. Blair-Kerr to a juvenile yesterday. A was charged with using a bidder's chop that did not belong to him, causing much trouble to the officers of the Government Vegetable Market.

After Mr. C. Large had told the court the amount of work involved in a deceit of this nature, Mr. Blair-Kerr ordered the boy to receive 12 strokes of the cane.

### FAILED TO PUT IN APPEARANCE

Mok Chi-chui, charged with indecent assault on Liu Sam-mui, on March 4, in a train car, failed to appear before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for a formal remand.

His bail of \$200 was returned and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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## DPW GIVES EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF MAY

Evidence that May's reputation was one of high standing, enterprise and initiative, was given yesterday by the Director of Public Works, Mr. V. Kenniff, and the Acting Senior Health Officer, Dr. G. Graham-Cumming, who appeared to testify voluntarily as to the character of the accused.

Mention of May's part in espionage and sabotage activities during the Japanese occupation was also made. Crown Counsel will give his closing address for the Crown to the jury this morning.

Standing trial on three counts of larceny by public servant and other counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, both of the Public Works Department.

Cross-examined by Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, May declared that he visited sites in a purely technical capacity. The number of men on a job would be guessed roughly from the Distribution Board before he left the office. There was no necessity for coming each man on the job personally.

Mr. Hooton questioned May about the job at the Kwong Wan market. Accused agreed that there were 30 men working at Kwong Wan up to August 11 last year. He also agreed that he put his signature on the daily labour distribution and job report with regard to this particular job.

The job was visited by him twice. May added the first occasion on July 26 with Kwok Kwong and the other on August 4.

Mr. Hooton referred to May's statement as made to Mr. Macpherson at Hung Hom, and pointed out the sentence: "I did see men working there." Questioned, accused denied having said that. What he had said, May claimed, was: "I might have seen men working there."

### Not Well Kept

Mr. Macpherson, accused claimed, asked him "Did you visit Kwong Wan?" and before he could reply to the question, Mr. Macpherson was walking away as if he knew the answer.

May told the court that about the end of July to some time in August last year, the distribution board was not being well kept. The action he took against the clerk responsible, Lee Pashan, was to report the matter to Brown.

Turning to the Lai Chi Kok Hospital work, Crown Counsel inquired whether accused agreed that the drawing up of the 1,400 yards of electrical wire for that job was authorised by him, to which May agreed. He did not check whether the particular wire drawn from Wanchai was going to Lai Chi Kok or not.

Accused stated that it was wrong for the foreman to draw stores from Wanchai in large quantities at a time. He had authorised the drawing of large quantities only in cases of urgent work.

Crown Counsel put it to May that he had seen the work at Pokfulam that May knew everything about it all the time. Accused denied this.

Mr. Hooton Kwok Kwong gave evidence strongly implicating you in the case.

May: Yes.

What were your relations with Kwok Kwong after August 11? — always found him a ready and willing person.

### Helped By May

Counsel stated that Kwok Kwong never gave any statement that he was implicated in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club or CPA electrical jobs. To which May replied that according to what he had read in the papers regarding the previous PWD case, mention of his name had been made by Kwok in connection with these jobs.

Asked why Kwok Kwong should tell truths about the Pokfulam job implicating him, accused declared that he did not know.

Lam Yam, proprietor of the Cheong Hing electrical firm, who had given evidence for the prosecution in the Lower Court, said in evidence that his firm had never been employed in any electrical work connected with CPA, KBGC, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, or the Cecilia Beauty Salon.

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## Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. H. Colman, Mrs. J. R. Blackie, Miss D. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, Mr. E. A. Aust and Sir R. C. Marshall arrived from Shanghai by the ss. Hupeh yesterday.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mrs. J. C. Voss, Mrs. R. Gillestaid, Major and Mrs. M. Brennan, Mrs. G. Wilkinson, Mrs. P. Frost, Mrs. J. M. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mohr, Messrs. A. H. Lang, F. J. Waucho, E. M. Moon, P. Williams, T. Jenkins, I. N. McLeod, I. Gottman, W. S. Stocks, H. H. Evans, K. Lockhart, A. E. Alexander, F. E. Jenkins, W. B. Lacy, A. H. Brown, W. J. Holmes, G. L. Howatt, W. G. Rhumer, G. H. Heintzen, A. L. Roberts, C. B. Theary, R. T. W. Mull and F. B. Ochler.

New week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. W. Crestello, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Dekker, Messrs. A. Price, O. L. Dawson, J. P. Grant, V. J. Sykes, M. F. Meyers, T. O'Donovan, R. H. Lloyd, I. N. Malleed, H. B. McDowell, J. L. Alway, D. H. Williams, L. J. Simmonds, J. Sabin, M. Malendres and D. E. Bennett.

Mr. "Mike" Kendall of Philippine Air Lines returned yesterday from Calcutta, where he opened a new office for P.A.L.

Mr. Jerry O'Donnell of Pan American Airways returned yesterday from a three-week combination business and pleasure visit to Europe.

His travels took him to Paris, London, Brussels and other cities on the Continent.

Mr. Walter Hunziker, formerly of the Aluminium Rolling Mills of Shanghai, passed through the Colony yesterday, en route home to Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mr. Hunziker, who has spent nine years in China, does not plan to return. He said he would take a holiday before deciding what to do next.

Mrs. Florence I. Allen, Mrs. Yorke H. Sharpe, Lieutenant Denis A. Bayly, Lieutenant John F. Coyne and Mr. William R. Williams arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Clytneus from Singapore.

The following forthcoming wedding have been announced: Clifford Peter Hayes, leading writer, HMS Tamar, and Deila Ernestina dos Remedios, stenotypist, 27, Caroline Hill Road.

Kenneth Evans, civil servant, Flat 14, Sunning Court Apartments, 101 Ping Road, and Patricia Muriel Wheeler, stenotypist, 228 Nathan Road, 2nd floor.

He had also a high regard for May's honesty.

Citing one example of this, witness related how in May 1948, May came to him in his office and told him that he had received from someone a Rolex watch and a Parker-51 pen and pencil. Witness said he pointed out to May how easy it was for him to have kept the watch, pen and pencil for himself. May considered it his duty to hand it in.

Eventually the items were returned to their donor.

### No Records

Cross-examining, Crown Counsel asked witness whether he would agree that there was a place at Hung Hom where materials in transit were kept. Agreeing with this, witness said that it was not subject to the Government stores regulations, and he did not think it necessary to have a record kept of materials in transit.

Mr. Hooton suggested to witness that there would be no harm for records to be kept of such materials that came into Hung Hom for a lot of jobs, to which witness replied that that would be expensive. Beside that it was entirely up to the foreman to do it if he saw fit.

At this stage, the trial was adjourned until this morning, when Dr. G. H. Thomas will be recalled for further clarification of evidence, after which Crown Counsel will give his closing address to the jury.

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## Fruitless Search For Missing Crane

Canton, March 14. Five thousand air miles have been flown in what has so far proved a fruitless search for a floating crane which has been adrift in Formosa Strait since February 28.

The crane, worth £25,000, was being towed from Shanghai to Canton when it broke adrift in a storm.

Several reports from ships have been investigated without result. Searchers now believe that the crane may be in the lower part of the Strait and daily flights are being maintained by CATC planes with 10 observers aboard.

## Tramways Fraud Case

The prosecution witnesses in the Tramways Case were subjected to cross-examination by Messrs. M. A. da Silva and P. C. Woo at Central yesterday.

Mr. John McNeill, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine, together with Mr. A. J. Clifford, conducted the prosecution on behalf of the Tramways Company.

Mr. Clifford was not present in court as he is engaged in the May trial at the sessions.

Mr. Silva is representing 11 of the defendants and Mr. P. C. Woo, two.

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## ALLEGED GANG MEMBER TO STAND TRIAL

Between December 18 and 20 last year, eight armed men went to the home of a farmer in the New Territories, spoke to his nephew, then left a letter addressed to his uncle in which they demanded a sum of \$1,000.

The letter was given into the custody of the police and upon their operational plan, one of the men was killed in a gun fight during a police ambush.

Later upon police investigations, Wong Yu-cheung, aged 27, was arrested. He was alleged to be a member of the gang headed by Lok Lam-chai, for whom the police are still looking.

Wong appeared before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon last month and was committed to stand trial at the Supreme Court.

Yesterday, after further investigation, another man, said to be one of Lok's gang, was brought to the dock before Mr. Blair-Kerr. He was Tang Yip, alias Tang Kan-yip.

After an afternoon's proceedings, Tang was also committed to stand trial on a charge of demanding money with menaces and being in possession of arms.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie, who was in charge of Wong's hearings, prosecuted Tang Yip yesterday.

**Guard's Story**

Cheung Tung-kwei, a village guard and farmer of Chiu Kang Village, in the witness box, told of how eight men had come to his home, asked him for money and left a letter addressed to his uncle.

Cheung and another witness said in evidence that they identified defendant at an identification parade.

Mr. MacKenzie told the court that on March 8, Tang Yip, defendant, came to his office and was interviewed with regard to the gang leader, Lok Lam-chai.

Defendant was cautioned, said Mr. MacKenzie, before a statement was taken from him.

**Embezzler Gets Year's Sentence**

Kwan Pak-kul, alias Kwan Tse-jeung, aged 18, a clerk formerly employed by the Yiu Cheong Import and Export Firm, was sentenced to one year's hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The defendant had pleaded guilty in a previous hearing to a charge of embezzling US\$6,970 belonging to the firm, and the sentence was ordered to start from January 25, the date of the plea.

It was admitted by the defendant that some of the money was converted to HK\$55,000 and that he had used \$10,000 in buying the Cumberland estate, originally owned by Chiu Tong.

Mr. Y. H. Chan, prosecuting, said that he had intended to make a request for an order of restitution, but just before he came into the court, he received certain information which would be against his application. His request for one week's adjournment to enable him to follow up the information was granted.

Mr. H. L. Kwan, representing Chiu Tong, opposed the application but had no objection to the adjournment.

She is due here on April 21.

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**Reminders**

**Today**

HK English Forum, first post-war meeting, No. 1, Caroline Rd., 6 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

HK Women's International Club extraordinary and general meeting, 1st fl., Gloucester Bldg., 1.45 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Burma Today," by Mr. L. B. Allen, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Lecture on "Britain and the Dominions" by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, Club Lusitano, Ice-house Street, 6 p.m.

**Coming Events**

**TOMORROW**

Interport Sub-Committee meeting, HK Football Association, 5.15 p.m.

Tot H Club meeting, Talbot House, 30, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

HK Social Service sponsors talk on "Family Case-Work" by Miss M. S. Watson, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

St. Patrick's Day, wreath-laying ceremony at Cenotaph by St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, 11 a.m.; Dinner and Dance, The Griggs, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

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## SOVIET ZONE IS PARALYSED

Berlin, March 13. The Soviet Zone economy is being paralysed by a wave of unemployment, the British-licensed Berlin paper, "Sozial Demokrat," declared today.

"Crowds of unemployed workers are piling up in the labour offices of the city," the paper said. "Since the climax of unemployment in Germany in 1932, there has been no such thing as unemployment."

The paper blames Soviet policy in Eastern Germany, aimed at Communist control over Berlin, as the main reason for the negative development of the Soviet Zone economy.

"This unscrupulous policy gravely endangers the economic life of the Soviet Zone and Western Germany, thus undermining even the small foundations on which the economic two-year plan could be based," the paper said.

"The lack of raw materials was the consequence. There is a shortage of almost everything: iron and steel, sheet-metal and wire, nails and screws, rubber belts and all kinds of chemicals. Although statistical tricks try to conceal it, production is steadily decreasing."—Reuter.

## SOVIET CO-OPS

Moscow, March 13. The Soviet Union's co-operative societies, with 32 million members, have announced their support for a proposed "World Congress of Peace" in April, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported today.

Their Central Council said in a statement: "Members of the Soviet co-operatives have come out in a united front for a stable peace against the instigators of a new war. Peace throughout the world will be assured."—Reuter.

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## THE KING IS MAKING PROGRESS

London, March 13. King George, who underwent an operation yesterday to improve the flow of blood to his right foot, is continuing to make normal progress, it was learned at Buckingham Palace tonight.

Professor J. R. Leamouth, who performed the operation—lumbar sympathectomy—remained at the palace throughout the day.

The other six doctors who, with Professor Leamouth, signed a bulletin on the King's condition, issued this morning, did not return to the Palace tonight.—Reuter.

## Successes Claimed By Athens

Athens, March 13. At least 6,226 Greek guerrillas have been put out of action in the last 50 days, the Greek General Staff claimed tonight.

A communiqué stated that 2,000 bodies of insurgents have been counted on the battlefield, while 3,227 have been captured or have surrendered.

Guerrillas wounded or killed by Greek Air Force attacks have not been taken into account, the statement added.

Since January 22, when General Papagos took over as Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Government forces, it is claimed that the guerrilla formations in Macedonia, Thessaly and the Peloponnese have been disbanded and decimated.—Reuter.

## MYRNA LOY LEAVES LONDON

London, March 13. Myrna Loy, film star recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and her husband, Gene Markey, left London today for Rome. She said she is looking for sunshine in which to convalesce.—Associated Press.

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## NO SIGNS OF CHANGE IN RUSSIAN POLICY

Moscow, March 13. The fifth session of the Supreme Soviet, convened on March 10, is expected to continue for another two or three days. It has followed the historic patterns in appeals for internal economic development, and has thus far shown no signs of any change in Russia's foreign policy.

Budgetary matters will again head the agenda for both Chambers of the Supreme Soviet (the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities) when they resume their meetings tomorrow.

The deputies, of whom there are more than 1,000 from all over the U. S. S. R., omitted many minor amendments on Friday, and Saturday. Throughout their speeches, they called for economic progress in all spheres of national life and appeals for better quality goods and a speeding up of production to fulfill the current five-year plan ahead of time.

The speeches of the deputies have contained a strong warning against "warmongers in the imperialist camp," urging that the Soviet people be strong and united under the leadership of the Premier, Generalissimo Stalin, and prepared to take the leading role in the defence of world peace.

"U.S. Enslavement"

They stressed the fact that the Soviet Union "is building peacefully while the warmongers rattle their sabres and prepare military aggressive blocs." Further, that while "Marshallized" countries faced increasing economic difficulties, unemployment and enslavement by the United States, the people of the Soviet Union are getting more goods at lower prices, and full employment, these speeches claimed.

The last item on the agenda of the session, just before its close, was the approval of the decrees issued by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet during the past year.

These decrees included Ministerial changes.—Reuter.

## HOUSE OWNERS HOWLED DOWN

Vienna, March 13. About 100 police cleared the Music Society Hall here today after demonstrators had prevented a meeting of houseowners.

The Houseowners Association had called a meeting to protest against social injustice by the recent restriction act maintaining rents at pre-war level, although other prices have risen by 300 per cent.

Several hundred demonstrators shouted down speakers for the houseowners. Police intervention proved of no avail against the interruptions and the hall was cleared.—Reuter.

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## THEIR FINEST HOUR

## Destroyers For Naval Bases

By Winston Churchill

Mr. Churchill, in his first telegram as Prime Minister to President Roosevelt on May 15, 1940, had asked for the loan of 40 or 50 old U.S. destroyers. This request had been repeated in the following months and was eventually fulfilled after Britain had given the United States the 99-year lease of certain naval bases.

Believing, as I have always done, that the survival of Britain is bound up with the survival of the United States, it seemed to me and to my colleagues that it was an actual advantage to have these bases in American hands. I therefore did not look upon the question from any narrow British point of view.

There was another reason, wider and more powerful than either our need for the destroyers or the American need for the bases. The transfer to Great Britain of 50 American warships was a decidedly unilateral act by the United States. It would, according to all standards of history, have justified the German Government in declaring war upon them. The President judged that there was no danger, and I felt there was no hope, of this simple solution of many difficulties. It was Hitler's interest and method to strike his opponents down one by one. The last thing he wished was to be drawn into war with the United States before he had finished with Britain.

## Was Anxious

Nevertheless, the transfer of the 50 destroyers to Britain in August, 1940, was an event which brought the United States definitely nearer to us and to the war, and it was the first of a long succession of increasingly unilateral acts in the Atlantic which were of the utmost service to us. It marked the pass-

discussion, perhaps on the eve of an invasion, would be injurious to public morale, now so high. Moreover, we must never get into a position where the United States Government might say: "We think the time has come for you to send your Fleet across the Atlantic in accordance with our understanding or agreement when we gave you the destroyers." We must refuse any suggestion such as is suggested and confine the deal solely to the Colonial leases.

To the President I telegraphed: "I need not tell you how cheered I am by your message, or how grateful I feel for your untiring efforts to give us all possible help. You will, I am sure, send us everything you can, for you know well that the worth of every destroyer that you can spare to us is measured in rubles. But we also need the motor torpedo-boats which you mentioned, and as many flying-boats and rifles as you can let us have. We have a million men waiting for rifles."

The moral value of this fresh aid from your Government and people at this critical time will be very great and widely felt. We can meet both the points you consider necessary to help you with Congress and with others concerned, but I am sure that you will not misunderstand me

at once proceeding to seek their consent. Once again, Mr. President, let me thank you for your help and encouragement, which means so much to us.

## Deep Feelings

The President, having always to consider Congress and also the Navy authorities in the United States, was of course increasingly drawn to present the transaction to his fellow-countrymen as a highly advantageous bargain whereby immense securities were gained in the dangerous times by the United States in return for a few old-fashioned destroyers. This was indeed true, but not exactly a convenient statement for me.

Deep feelings were aroused in Parliament and the Government at the idea of leasing any part of these historic territories, and if the issue were presented to the British as a naked trading-away of British possessions for the sake of the 60 destroyers, it would certainly encounter vehement opposition. I sought therefore (in a speech in the House on August 20) to place the transaction on the highest level, where indeed it had a right to stand, because it expressed and conserved the enduring common interests of the English-speaking world. Mr. Sumner Welles had told him that the constitutional position made it "utterly impossible" for the President to send the destroyers as a spontaneous gift; they could come only as a quid pro quo. Under the



The Japanese have got several tons of whale from the Antarctic. One man's poison is another man's meat.

When Madam Chiang fell in her mission it was shek-mato. "What is more enjoyable than a long walk on a Sunday morning finishing up with a cool glass of beer?" asks a writer. Sounds like subtle propaganda for the Defence Force.

Inspection on lid of fruit jar: "Pierce with a pin to release vacuum. Then push off."—Hurdly!

I shall love you as long as a lover must. At least I will nobly try. Till all the rock has turned to dust.

And all the seas are dry. Till the last long sol has died away. In the last lone crooner's throat.

Till the last star fades from the midnight sky. Till Hong Kong gets a vote. Unfortunately the best beach sights cannot be balloted for.

A man tells us that it is far better to have the boss of the house find a letter in your pocket that you forgot to post than one you neglected to destroy.

Notice in an ultra-modern restaurant: "Please be careful with the automatic waitresses in this establishment. One wrong word from the customers and they blow up."

"Good home wanted for twin grey male kittens. Five months. One person." What's the other — a Mee?

Marshall aid keeps America exporting and British shipping employed. Maybe we can make a living too, paying ourselves for carrying gifts to charitable institutions. Or is there a long term fallacy in it?

A naturalist declares that some people who call themselves bird-lovers cannot tell the difference between partridges and corn-crakes. Perhaps they have never tasted corn-crakes.

The little kangaroo kept hopping out of its mama's pouch. Every time the papa kangaroo put it back, out the baby would pop again.

Papa became quite annoyed, and on the 10th jump-out he snatched Junior and began to spank him gingerly.

"Don't do that," interceded Mama Kangaroo. "He can't help it if I have hiccups."

Self-mesmerism...

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Buy Peace

As regards an assurance about the British Fleet, I am, of course, ready to reiterate to you what I told Parliament on June 4. We intend to fight this out here to the end, and none of us would ever buy peace by surrendering or scuttling the Fleet. But, in any use you may make of this repeated assurance you will please bear in mind the disastrous effect from our point of view, and perhaps also from yours, of allowing any impression to grow that we regard the conquest of the British Islands and its naval bases as any other than an impossible contingency.

The spirit of our people is splendid. Never have they been so determined. Their confidence in the issue has been enormously and legitimately strengthened by the severe air fighting in the past week. As regards naval and air bases, I readily agree to your proposals for 99-year leases, which are far easier for us than the method of purchase. I have no doubt that once the principle is agreed between us the details can be adjusted and we can discuss them at leisure.

It will be necessary for us to consult the Governments of Newfoundland and Canada about the Newfoundland base, in which Canada has an interest. We are

age of the United States, from being neutral to being non-belligerent. Although Hitler could not afford to resent it, all the world understood the significance of the gesture.

For all these reasons the War Cabinet and Parliament approved the policy of leasing the bases to obtain the destroyers, provided we could persuade the West Indian island Governments concerned to make what was to them a serious sacrifice and disturbance of their life for the sake of the Empire. On August 6 Latham called that the President was anxious for an immediate reply about the future of the Fleet. He wished to be assured that if Britain were overrun, the Fleet would continue to fight for the Empire overseas and would not either be surrendered or sunk. This was, it was said, the argument which would have the most effect on Congress in the question of the destroyers. The prospects of legislative action, he thought, were steadily improving.

I expressed my own feelings to the Foreign Secretary:

In Rubies

The position is, I think, quite clear. We have no intention of surrendering the British Fleet, or of sinking it voluntarily. Indeed, such a fate is more likely to overtake the German Fleet—or what is left of it. The nation would not tolerate any discussion of what we should do if our Island were overrun. Such a

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Can you recognise where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.

truth, but eventually facts will have to be admitted, unless the standard of living in Britain is to decline to that of Russia.

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## BIRTH

HUNG—On March 6, to Cecilia Ng Sin Wa, wife of Sebastiao Hung, a son. Both mother and child doing well. (Macao papers please copy).

## U.K. RECOVERY

Both newspaper reports and letters from Home are currently describing an apparent lessening of austerity: gradual abolition of rationing, more goods in the shops, some reductions in price—and even above-the-counter piles of cigarettes. This coincides with frequently garbled accounts that Britain has balanced her overseas trade, and that the country will soon be able to stand on its own feet.

It is indeed good news for those of us in opulent Hong Kong to know that friends at Home are enjoying a lessening in the iron-hard round of scarcity and restriction they have been tied to for 10 years. Not that very much has changed: it is more an augury of things that may come. Visitors to Belgium, France, Italy etc. since the war have often said that while the British system of stringent controls cannot but be admired, a little more of the freedom of Paris or Rome would have provided much-needed incentive.

Next month sweets come off the ration, and for the first time in their lives most children will be able to buy all the bull's eyes and lollipops their hearts desire. Clothes rationing is coming to an end. Shops are full of most consumer goods. It looks fine at a casual glance, but just how sure is the foundation of optimism is another matter.

Some of the hard facts are disturbing. Overseas trade is balanced—up to a point. In the sterling area it is in our favour, but with the American continent Britain will for years to come have an adverse balance of hundreds of millions of dollars. A sudden cessation of Marshall aid would mean complete chaos. Nor has anyone offered a single likely solution to this grim problem, apart from long-term planners who advocate expansion of raw material resources within the Empire.

The sudden appearance of cigarettes in the shops is unlikely to mean more than the desire of dealers to unload their stocks before the April budget, when Sir Stafford Cripps may reduce the tax slightly. The increase in consumer goods is said by some experts to be the ominous result of loss of foreign markets rather than a superabundance of production.

There is no doubt, too, that money is tighter. Luxury trades are suffering a setback. Barkeepers stand idle behind the beer handles. The catering industry, which has been reaping a lush harvest for years, finds itself with empty rooms and a noticeable slowness of bookings for the summer season. Even the budget is unlikely to offer any relief to harassed salary earners, apart from a penny or two off beer and cigarettes.

Socialist schemes march on, and they all need money. The newly nationalised industries monotonously proceed at a loss, and it has not occurred to the working masses what will happen when they are all taken over, and all running at a loss. So far, bitter taxation of the middle class has veiled the

## In Awe

If Great Britain broke under invasion, a pro-German Government might obtain far easier terms from Germany by surrendering the Fleet, thus making Germany and Japan masters of the New World. This dastard deed would not be done by His Majesty's present advisers, but if some Quisling Government were set up, it is exactly what they would do, and perhaps the only way they could do it, and the President should bear this very clearly in mind.

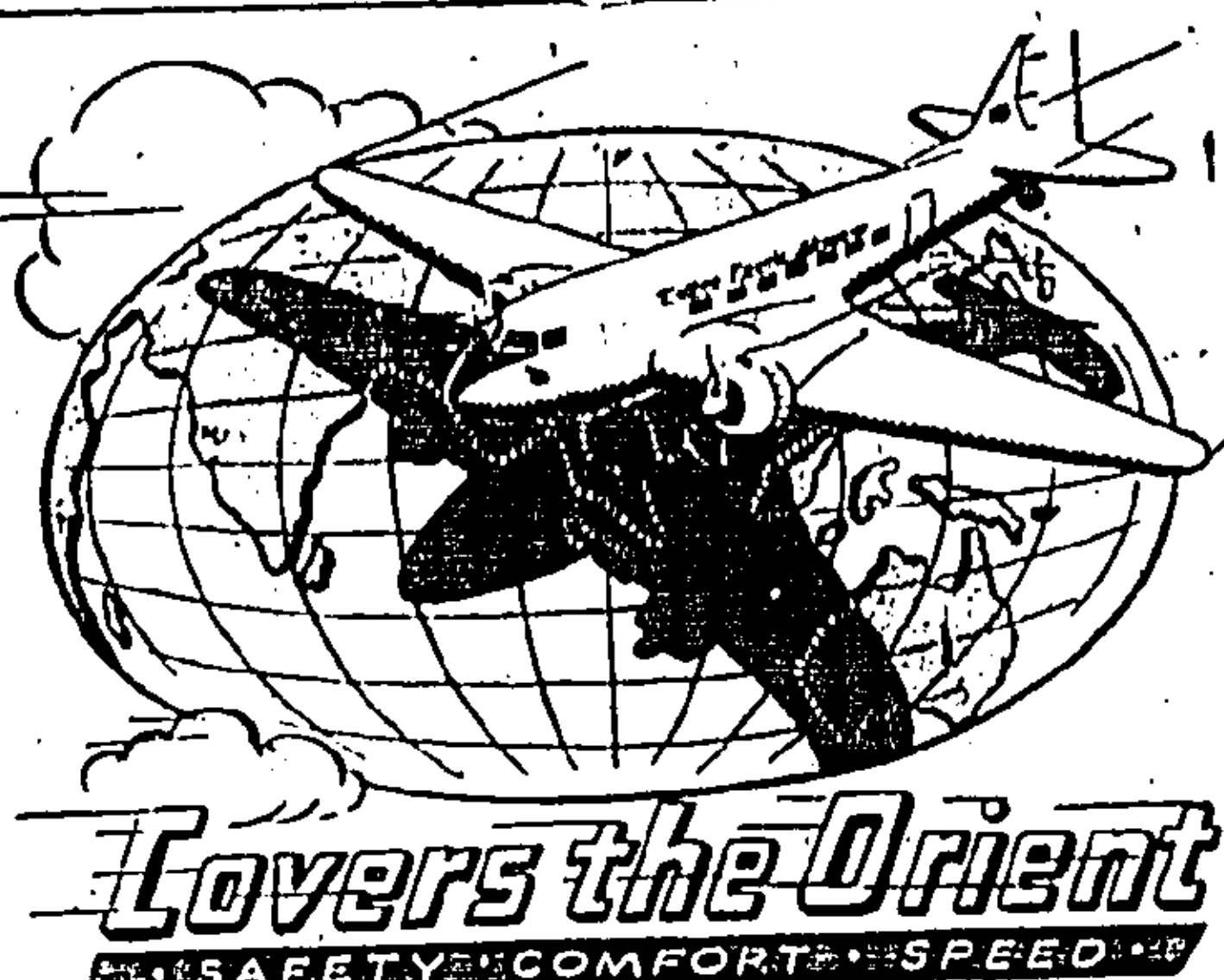
You should talk to him in this sense and thus discourage any complacent assumption on United States' part that they will pick up the debris of the British Empire by the present policy. On the contrary, they run the terrible risk that their sea power will be completely over-matched. Moreover, islands and naval bases to hold the United States in awe would certainly be claimed by the Nazis. If we go down, Hitler has a very good chance of conquering the world.

Nearly a month passed before any result emerged. Then came an encouraging telegram from the Ambassador. He said (July 5-6) that informed American opinion was at last beginning to realise that there was a danger of losing the British Fleet altogether. If the war went against us and if they remained neutral, it would however be extremely difficult to get American public opinion to consider this unless it could be assured that in the event of the United States entering the war the British Fleet, or such of it as was left, would cross the Atlantic if Great Britain were overrun.

## Traded Off

In the first week of August the suggestion was made to us through Lord Latham that the 50 old but reconditioned American destroyers which lay in the East coast Navy yards might be traded off to us in exchange for the cession of a series of bases in the West Indian Islands, including especially Bermuda. There was, of course, no comparison between the intrinsic value of these antiquated and inefficient craft and the immense permanent strategic security afforded to the United States by the enjoyment of the island bases. But the threat of invasion, the importance of numbers in the Narrow Seas made our need clamant. Moreover, the strategic value of these islands counted only against the United States.

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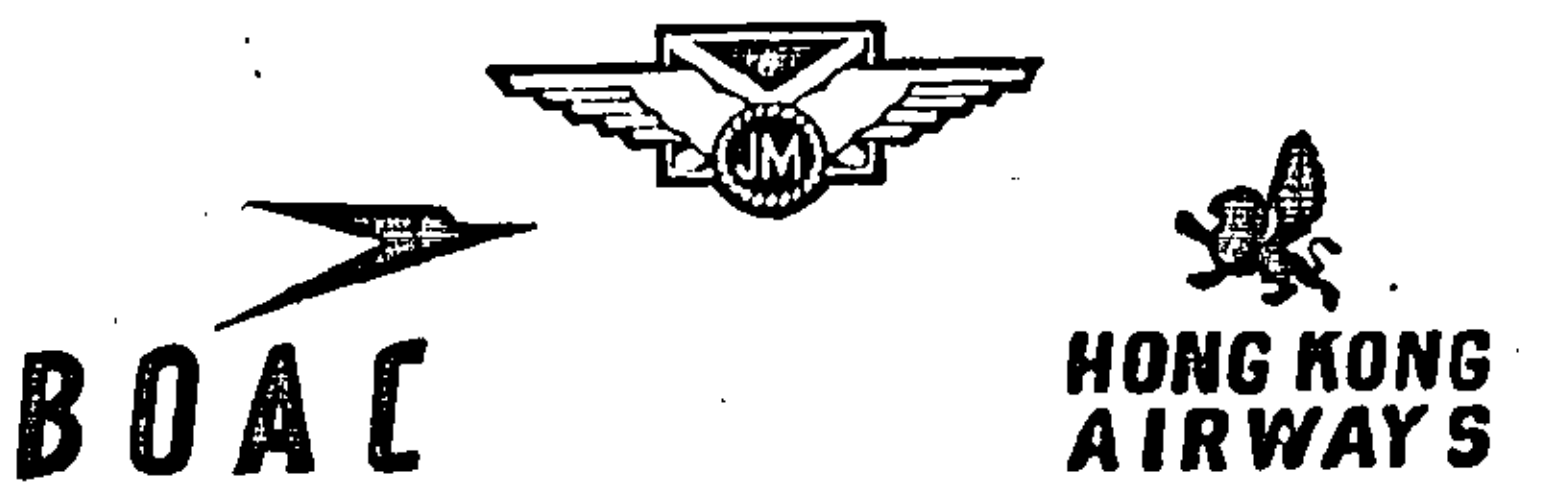
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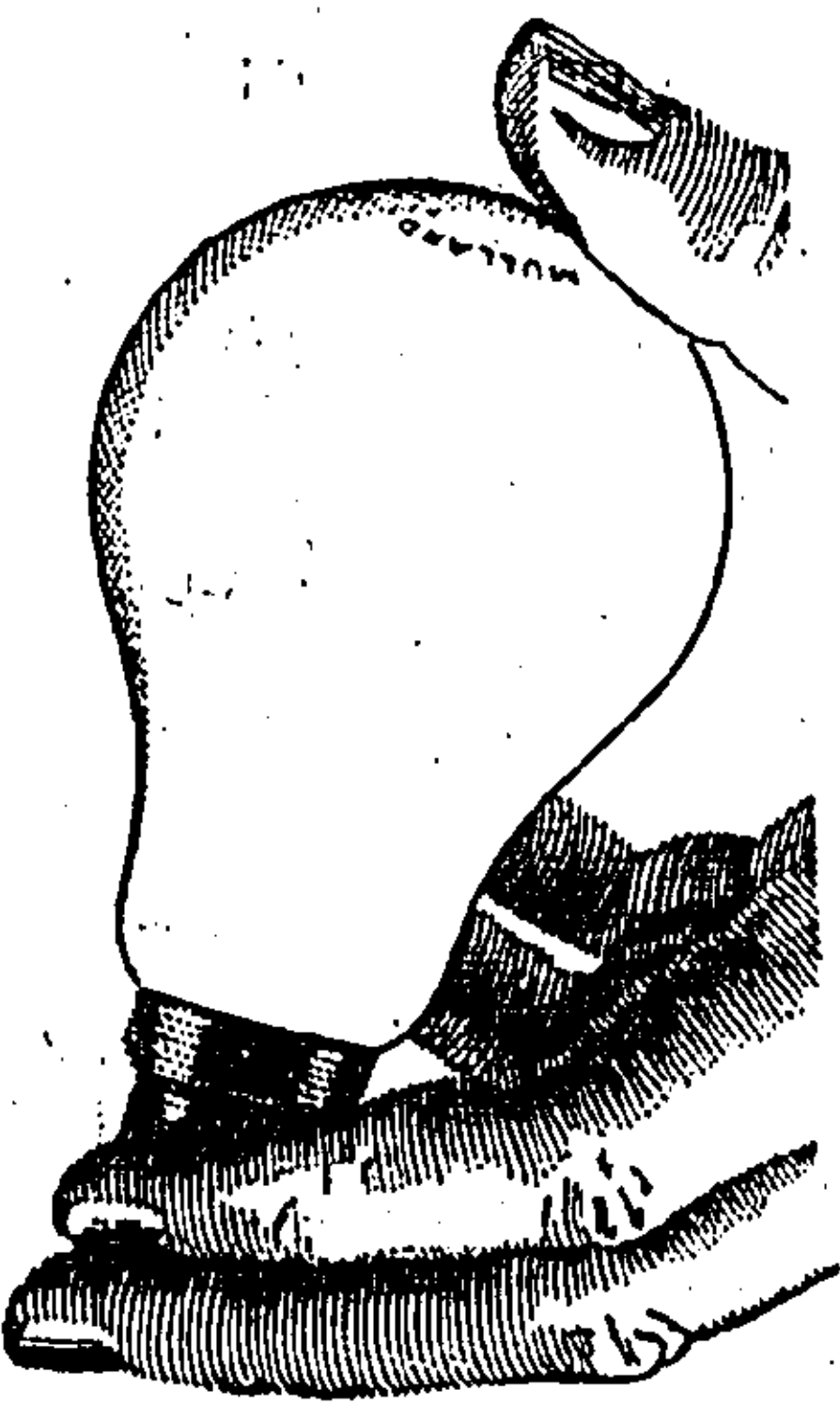
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# U.S. POLICY IN CHINA

## Washington Preparing A Report On Situation

### AUSTRIAN LEADER'S PLAINT

Vienna, March 13. Austria had been far worse treated than any other country in a similar position, Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, declared today in an article on the negotiations for an Austrian treaty, now threatened with a breakdown in London.

"We have been made the plaything for international politics, which now know neither justice nor morality, neither feeling nor pity," he wrote in the "Tagesschau".

"Every one of the great powers makes an agreement to the treaty dependent on our being 100 per cent on the side."

The Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Oskar Helmer, last night told a Socialist Conference in Lower Austria that the negotiations in London go on but no reasonable man can hope any longer that London can bring any change for the better.

He added that the differences between the Allies have increased and the treaty of the agreement have sunk to nothing, Reuter.

### Salvation Army Drive

The Salvation Army needs HK\$72,167 more to reach its HK\$100,000 target for this year.

Since the appeal was made over Radio Hong Kong by Mr. A. Morse, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, more than HK\$27,000 have been collected from public donations.

The latest list of contributions follows:

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### SENATORS' DEMAND

Washington, March 14. The U.S. State Department is preparing a report which probably will indicate America's future policy toward China. This was disclosed yesterday by Senator Walter F. George, Democrat. Meanwhile the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today asked the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to give his ideas on stopping Communism in China before seeking American arms shipments to bolster Europe against the threat of Communist aggression.

Chairman Tom Connally forwarded to Mr. Acheson a round robin letter signed by 50 Senators backing a proposal to grant \$1,500,000,000 in new United States military and economic aid to the Chinese Nationalists.

Senator Pat McCarran, sponsor of the proposal, indicated that he will demand a showdown on the issue before the Congress acts on the \$2,000,000,000 arms for Europe programme now being prepared to back up the North Atlantic security pact.

Senator Connally asked Mr. Acheson to comment on Senator McCarran's proposal. He indicated that the Foreign Relations Committee will be guided at least in part by the State Department's response.

Senator McCarran predicted, however, that Mr. Acheson's reaction would be pretty negative and said that he would press his plan for aiding China regardless of the Administration's attitude.

Mr. Acheson has already informed the group of House Republicans interested in aid to China and the situation in the civil war is far too "fluid" to permit a definitive American policy.

Mr. Acheson adopted a "wait and see" approach.

**Positive Plan Wanted**

But with the arms for Europe programme due to reach the Congress soon, Senator McCarran and his supporters feel that they are in a position to demand and get a "positive" Chinese programme.

Senator McCarran heads the Joint Congressional Committee on foreign aid and also the Senate Appropriations sub-committee.

The State Department under both the former Secretary, George C. Marshall, and Mr. Acheson, has long contended that American investment in China's civil war would be a costly and

### Big Orders Placed At German Fair

Leipzig, March 13. Orders estimated at total 2,525,000 were booked by exhibitors from the Soviet Zone of Germany at the Leipzig Fair, which ended today.

Last year's orders amounted to 2,250,000.

The number of visitors to the fair totalled 220,000. More than half the orders were for machinery and approximately half of all the orders were booked by Poland.

Large contracts were also signed with Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Finland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy and Belgium.

Non-European customers included India, the United States, Canada, Israel, South Africa, Argentina and Spain.—Reuter.

### CHINESE CRUISER IN DAIREN

Shanghai, March 14. Contrary to Hong Kong Chinese press reports, the Chinese cruiser Chungking was seen a few days ago, undamaged and lying at anchor in Chinwangtao, and has now gone to the Soviet-controlled Manchurian port of Dairen, according to reliable eye-witnesses quoted by the "China Press" today.

Formerly the British cruiser Aurora, the Chungking recently defected to the Communists and was later reported in the Hong Kong Chinese press to have been bombed and sunk by the Nationalist Air Force.

The eye-witnesses in question, who are not identified, are reported to have said the wreck was lying at anchor undamaged, and apparently not been attacked by planes.—Reuter.

### Clergyman Criticises The Peace

Geneva, March 14.

Allied peace efforts were criticised today by a Welsh church leader as shocking and frightening.

Dr. Hahn Rees, head of the Religious Division of the World Council of Churches, said in a sermon that more people have been rendered homeless by an Allied peace than by a Nazi war.

He added: "One of the most frightening elements in Europe today is the existence of more than 12 million exiles dominated by desire to go home and to restore their broken lives, their stolen liberties and their submerged nationhood. It frightens me because they see another war as their only means to that end and look hopefully for one."—Associated Press.

London, March 13. London's police tonight provided for a patrol car, a bit of their own property, stolen from in front of the Southwark District police station.—Reuter.

### One-Sided Help Will Be "Foolish"

Shanghai, March 14. It will be both wrong and foolish for the United States to continue a policy of aid for only Nationalist China, the American-owned "China Weekly Review" said in an editorial today.

Partisan aid, the editor, John W. Powell, wrote, is certain to provoke a further wave of anti-American feeling from Communist areas.

And the editor pointed out that whether America likes it or not the Communists are due to play a dominant if not absolute role in China.

Powell said he understood that Roger Lapham, ECA China chief, has recommended that Congress appropriate about US\$24,000,000 to continue the ECA China programme for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and that aid is to be only for the Nationalists, not the Communists.

Powell said he finds it hard to reconcile the report Mr. Lapham made to a Congressional Committee.

He said Mr. Lapham asked further aid for only the Nationalists while at the same time the ECA chief said he was of the opinion the Reds could sweep down across the Yangtze at any time.

Powell said: "We still think aid should be forthcoming, but we think it should be for the relief of the Chinese people during this present critical period regardless of their political beliefs. That, we think, will win friends."

"The policy of one-sided aid, especially to an organisation which seems incapable of making good use of it is both wrong and foolish,"—Associated Press.

### Atom Bomb Will Be Taboo At Meeting

London, March 13.

The atom bomb will be taboo as a subject of discussions when 300 world scientists, all experts on atomic energy, meet in Britain at the end of March.

Their talks will be strictly confined to the use of atomic energy in chemistry.

Professor Otto Hahn, the first man to split the uranium atom and one of Hitler's leading atomic scientists, will be among the 50 experts from abroad.

A Nobel Prize winner and recently voted the most popular living German, Professor Hahn is expected to speak on his work at Goettingen University.

The United States delegation—Professor R. E. Connick and Dr. G. Wilkinson, of the University of California—will also be present.

Irving, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. H. A. Wilhelm, of Ames, Ohio—is said to be particularly anxious to meet the 70-year-old, severely disabled German scientist.

The United States Government after the war wanted Dr. Hahn to work in America, but the British refused. They argued that unless scientific and technical knowledge remained intact in the British Zone, Germany would never become self-supporting.

**At Oxford**

Dr. Hahn works in Germany under Allied supervision and is still concerned with the use of his discovery as a benefit instead of a bane, the colleague, Dr. F. Straassman, will also address the conference.

Canada is sending two experts—Dr. L. Taffé and Dr. R. H. Betts, from the Canadian atomic plant at Chalk River, Ontario.

The conference, which will last a week, opens for two days on March 23 at Oxford University. Then the atomic scientists will move to London. The talks have been arranged by the Ministry of Supply's Atomic Energy Research Establishment in conjunction with the Chemical Society.

The aim of the conference is to enable universities, research associations and industrial and Government laboratories to become familiar with chemical developments in the field of atomic energy and the ways in which radio, chemical and similar technique can help the investigations.—Reuter.

### ROYAL NAVY CRUISE

Aboard HMS Triumph, March 13.

The aircraft carrier Triumph, taking part in the Home Fleet's Mediterranean cruise, sailed for Malta from Gibraltar today, escorted by the destroyer Chieftain.

The Home and Mediterranean Fleets, sailing tomorrow after their recent combined manoeuvres, will visit a number of foreign ports before proceeding to their respective bases. HMS Triumph is due at Malta on March 18 and sail for Britain on March 23 to be recommissioned.—Reuter.

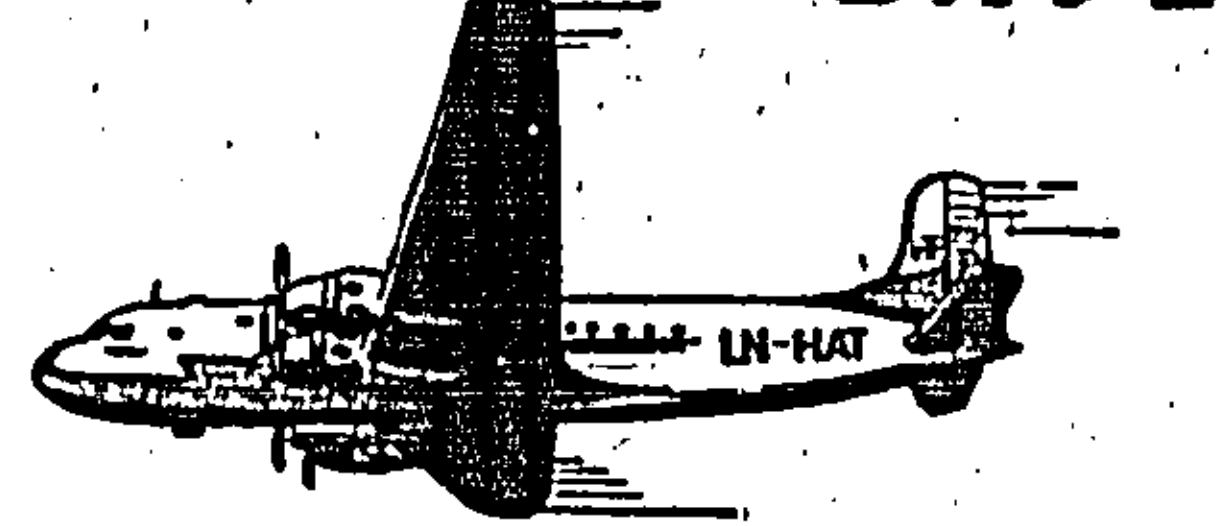
### CZECH TRADE

Prague, March 13.

Czechoslovakia is prepared to develop trade relations with the rest of the world, provided her endeavours meet with understanding, the Foreign Trade Minister, Dr. A. Gregor, declared at the opening of the Spring Fair here last night.

Visitors from 42 countries, including a group of high American Army officers from the United States Zone of Germany, attended the fair today, according to the Czechoslovak news agency.—Reuter.

### BRAATHENS SOUTH AMERICAN & FAR EAST AIRTRANSPORT A-S SAFE



Inhabane, March 13. The coastal liner, Inharrime, with eight European and several hundred coloured passengers aboard, is threatened with destruction in the midst of a raging storm 1,000 feet from the beach bar of Inharrime port.

The ss. Inharrime, 800-ton freight and passenger ship, is owned by the Companhia Nacional Navegacao. It runs a weekly service between Lourenco Marques and Inharrime and usually carries hundreds of coloured workers to and from the Witwatersrand goldmines in the Transvaal. It is not known how many passengers are on the ship during her present voyage.

The ship reported last Friday that she had run aground outside Inharrime harbour. Efforts since then to free her have failed.

During the last 24 hours, the vessel's engines stopped, lights went out and the radio ceased working.

All attempts to throw cables to the shore for landing purposes have failed due to the storm. The ship is being tossed about helplessly in huge waves, endangering the lives of the crew and passengers.—Associated Press.

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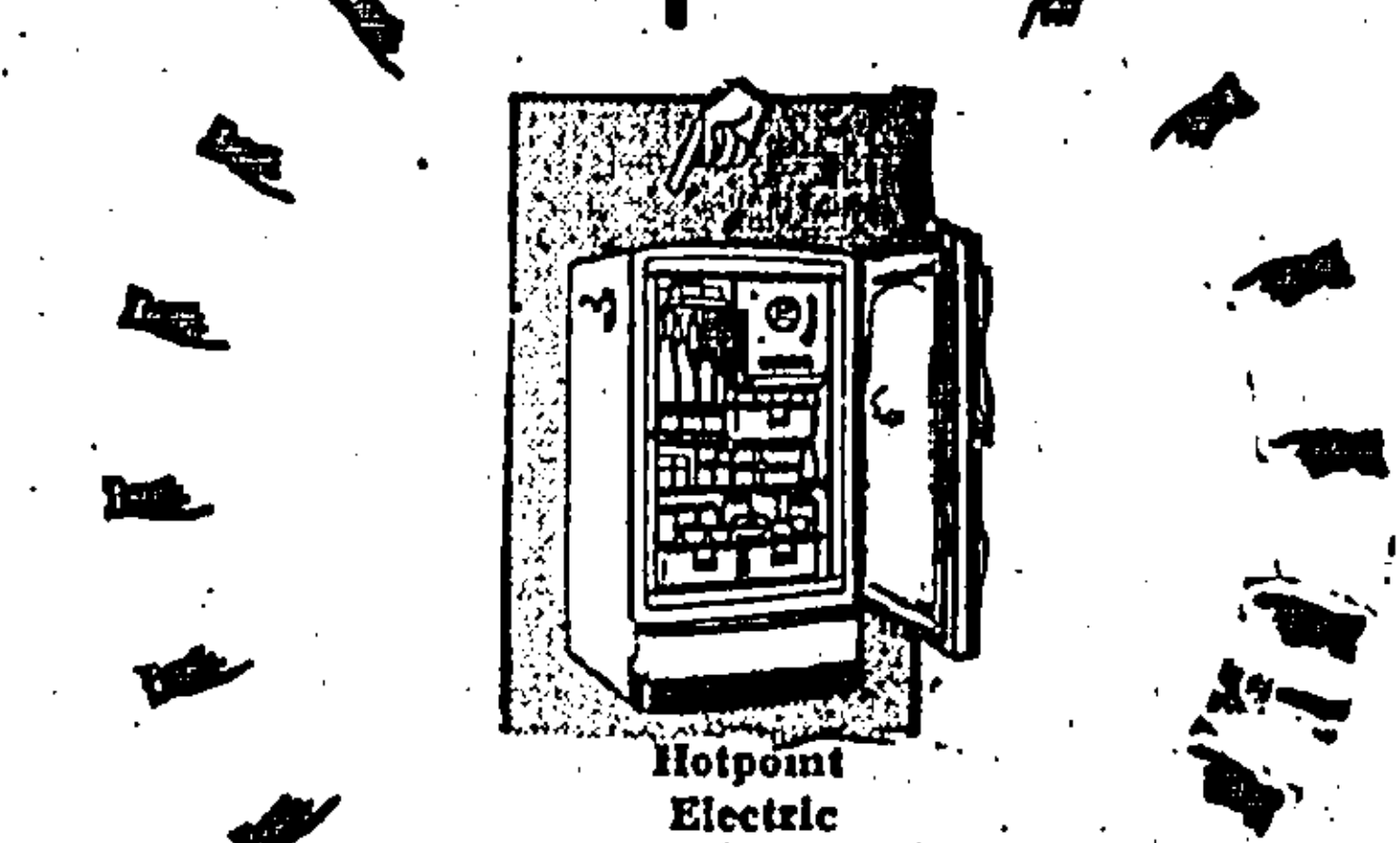
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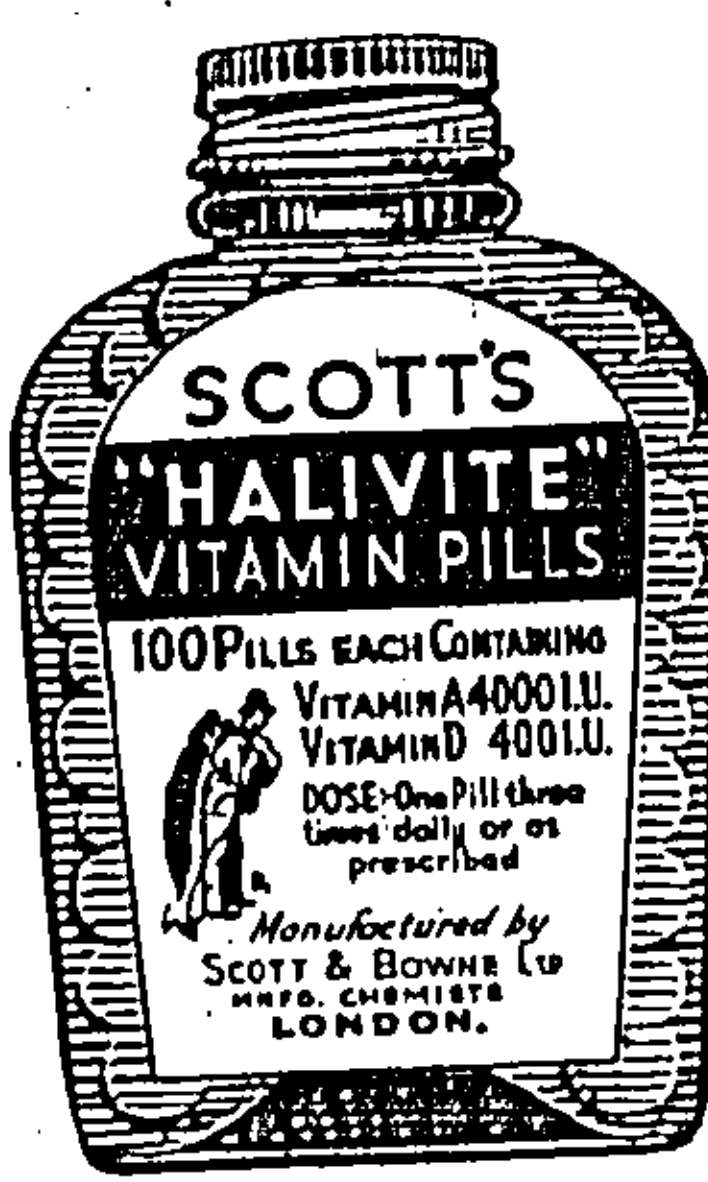
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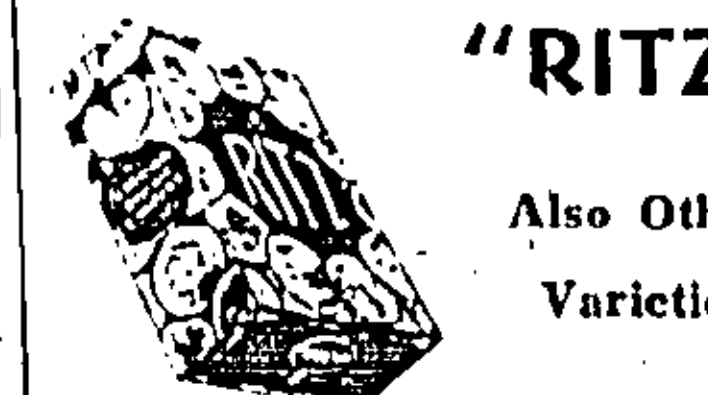
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## Russians Without Any Defence Against B-36

Washington, March 13.  
The Joint Chiefs of Staff had been handed a United States Air Force finding that Russia has no adequate defence against the B-36 super-bomber.

Furthermore, she may not have a defence for several years.

The finding is based on tests under combat conditions and it underscored the Air Secretary's description of the B-36 as an inter-continental bomber.

The Air Force's information, plus corollary interviews with Air Force officers, stressed:

1. The super-bomber, which is capable of carrying an atomic bomb, is the only bomber in the world that can perform efficiently at an altitude of over eight miles. That, plus its immensity, makes it almost immune to interception and anti-aircraft fire.

2. It is the only bomber in the world that does not have to be altered so it can carry special bombs. Its capacity is two 42,000 pounders.

3. Russia faces two major defensive problems—building interceptors that could waylay big planes and ringing her vast territory with a radar warning system that would get interceptors into the air in time.

4. Even the Air Force's jet fighters, believed to be as good as any in the world, are 600-mph demons at 30,000 feet but unwieldy in the thinner air at 40,000 feet. A test at Eglin Air Force base showed how they lose power and their small wings will not support them in thin air.

5. The B-36 soon will be equipped with four jet engines to augment its six 3,500-horsepower engines. That will increase its take-off power and give extra speed when needed.

Some Air Force officers believe the super bomber's range of 10,000 miles not only means that atomic bombs can be delivered without hindrance, but that they would not have to be stored outside the United States in wartime where they can be exposed to attack.

The Air Force's data has been passed on to the White House. The major issue before the Air Force now is to develop an interceptors to "combat" the B-36.

Air Force tests show there is an altitude barrier which ranks in importance with the so-called sonic speed barrier. Two things happen to today's fighters at high altitudes:

1. Their power loss is so great that they have only an 80 to 100-mile speed advantage over the B-36.

2. Their small wings will not support them in manoeuvres in thin air. Shallow turns require a several-mile radius. Tight turns cause them to "mush" or "stall" because they lose "lift".

In either case, their quarry eludes them, as demonstrated at the Air Force base.

As a result, the Air Force has found that if a jet attacks the B-36 at all, it must do so from the tail. With its immovable 50-calibre guns and 600-yard effective range, the jet is hopelessly outmatched by its automatically-aimed 20-millimetre guns with their 800-yard range.

For all this, it is assumed that radar warning and guidance stations have been able to get the jets into position for an attack in time in the first place.

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## Mystery Fires In France

Paris, March 13.  
A 45,000-volt transformer exploded today at Beauror, near Lille, Northern France, causing France's second power station fire in a week.

The flames spread rapidly to several 15,000-volt transformers and firemen fought for hours to control the blaze, which caused damage estimated at about £10,000. The area was without power today.

On Tuesday night, the out-buildings of France's largest hydro-electric plant at Genesiat, on the Rhone, were extensively damaged by a fire of unknown origin.—Reuter.

## CRITICAL WEEK IN ATLANTIC DEFENCE

Washington, March 14.  
This will be one of the most critical weeks of all in negotiations of the North Atlantic Military Alliance.

Denmark, Iceland and Italy are expected to draw closer to a formal line up with the Atlantic treaty powers. Portugal may be a question mark.

The text of the proposed treaty will be made public on Friday. That may be the signal for a new outburst of Russian attacks.

Diplomats in Washington say the Russians will leave no trick untried to try to defeat the Alliance or split off one or more nations.

However, France is already in the line-up of Atlantic treaty powers. Her diplomats participated in negotiations from the start. Others already in are Britain, Norway, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the United States.

Next in line and expected to join is Denmark. Iceland has a delegation on the way to Washington by plane. The subject of Italian membership is up for debate before the parliament in Rome. It has already been approved by de Gasperi's Cabinet.

Portugal may yet come in. (Ireland has declared it will not join.)

**Portuguese Bases**  
The position of Portugal in the Atlantic makes it of great importance in the proposed new defense system. Washington diplomats say there is plenty of time for Portugal to act but there is no firm indication that it will.

Denmark, Iceland and Portugal control strategic island air base positions in the Atlantic. Denmark controls Greenland. Portugal holds the Azores.

The Icelandic Foreign Minister Bjarni Benediktsson said Iceland has not decided whether to join the alliance.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Gustav Rasmussen, was again at the U.S. State Department on Monday and Tuesday. He will probably fly back to Copenhagen on Tuesday night.

Talks with the Icelanders probably will open on Monday. Later in the week an Italian delegation is expected to establish direct contact.

The only other prospective development of importance will be the final action by the French Cabinet on the treaty text.

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## CANADIAN PLAN FOR INDONESIA

Lake Success, March 14.  
A new Canadian plan to end the political deadlock in the Indonesian case is developing among UN Security Council delegations.

Various delegations are ready to back Canada's suggestion that the U.S. Commission for Indonesia should try to clear the way for a round table conference to settle the question. The Council

lands-Indonesian dispute today. The Netherlands started the idea of a round table conference. The Indonesian Republic refused to attend because its exiled leaders have not been restored to their capital as demanded in a Security Council resolution.

Canada's plan is to have the U.N. Commission in the Far Eastern Republic try to get the Dutch and Indonesians to agree on a time and conditions for a round table conference.

The Council's resolution ordered the Netherlands to restore the Republic's exiled leaders to Jogjakarta, their capital in Java, as the first step toward a transfer of sovereignty. The Dutch refused to do this. They said violence and chaos would result.—Associated Press.

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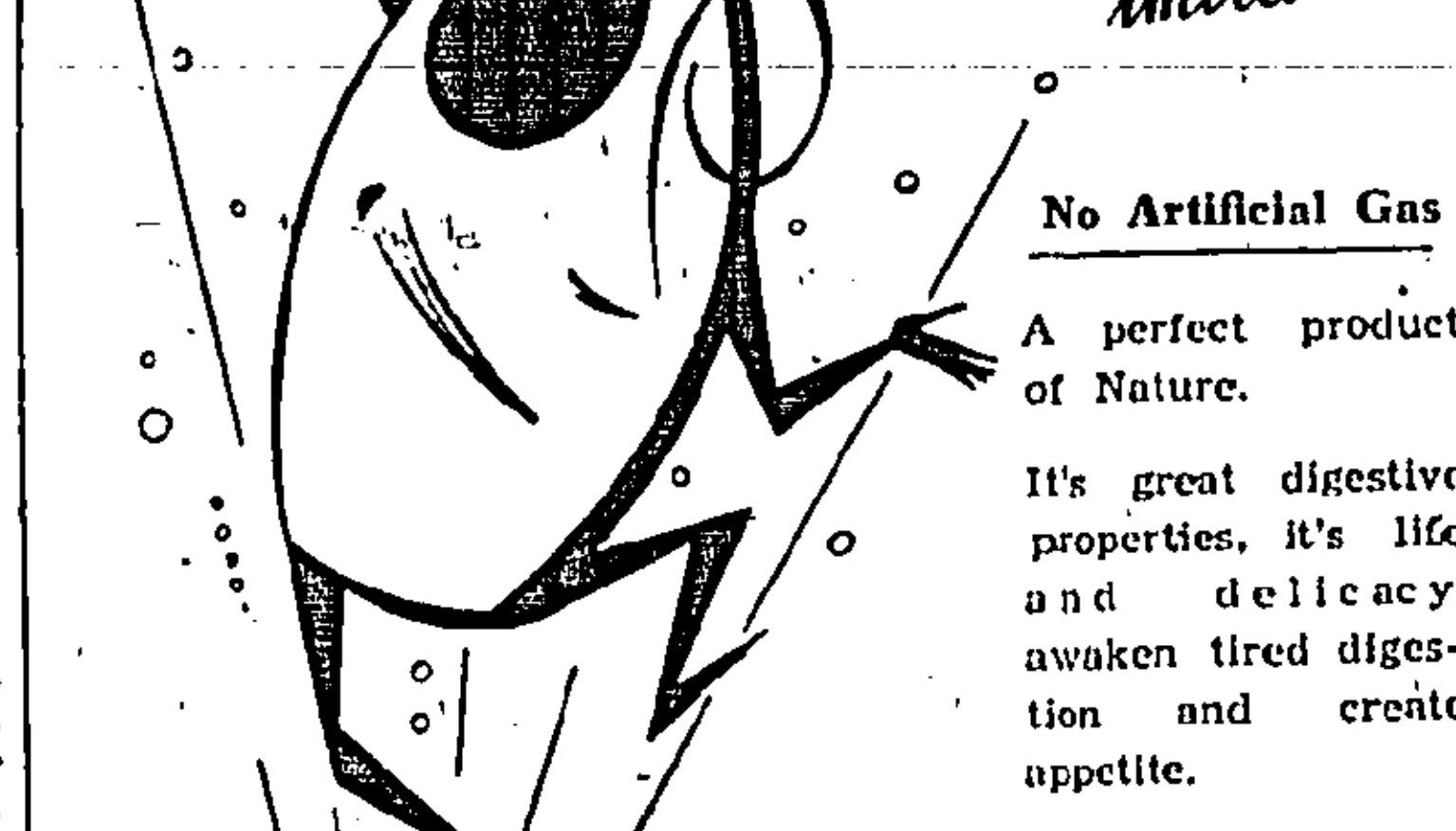
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| Arrivals  | Sailings                            |
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| "MITJALENGKA" from Shanghai & Amoy 16th March.    | Javaports & Macassar 17th March     |
| "FASMAN" from Manila & Amoy 18th March.           | to Manila 19th March                |
|   | to Javaports & Macassar 31st March. |
| "TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 17th March. | to Shanghai 19th March              |
|   | to Manila 28th March                |
|   | to Javaports & Macassar 14th April. |
| "TJIBADAK" from Macassar & Javaports 1st April.   | to Shanghai 3rd April               |
|   | to Manila 12th April                |
|   | to Javaports & Macassar 28th April. |

## ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

| Arrivals  | Sailings                           |
|---|------------------------------------|
| "TJIPANAS" In port  | to East & South Africa 23rd March. |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" from Japan 30th March.                   | to East & South Africa 31st March. |
| "BOISSEVAL" from South America & South Africa 31st March. | to East & South Africa 21st April. |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" In port.                                  | to East & South Africa 18th May.   |
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| "VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Deli & Straits 8th April. | to B. Deli & Straits 17th April. |

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## CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

## Lesson 30.

|                          |                                |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Vocabulary:              |                                |  |
| 160. (tui) dui           | A pair. Opposite. To face.     |  |
| 161. (kaal) haaye        | Shoes.                         |  |
| 162. (mat) mut           | Socks. Stockings.              |  |
| 163. (ch'eung) cheung    | Long. Length.                  |  |
| 164. (tuen) duen         | Short.                         |  |
| 165. (laan) laan         | Broken. Rotten. Worn-out.      |  |
| 166. (leng) leng         | Over-ripe.                     |  |
|                          | Beautiful. Handsome. Pretty.   |  |
| Useful phrases:          |                                |  |
| (19) Dui' m' jue.        | Sorry. Excuse me. Pardon me.   |  |
| (20) Dzik' huk'          | Immediately. At once.          |  |
| Combinations:            |                                |  |
| 1. Dui' meen.            | Opposite side.                 |  |
| 2. Ngaw dui' kui' wah.   | I say to him.                  |  |
| 3. Dui' jue.             | To be facing.                  |  |
| 4. Yui' dui' haaye.      | One pair of shoes.             |  |
| 5. Gay' cheung?          | How long?                      |  |
| 6. Cheung mut.           | Stockings.                     |  |
| 7. Cheung shaam'.        | A gown.                        |  |
| 8. Duen' shaam'.         | A jacket.                      |  |
| 9. Dui' laan.            | To break.                      |  |
| 10. Cheuk' laan.         | Worn out.                      |  |
| Conversation (1):        |                                |  |
| S. Seen' shaang' yau yun | Someone has come to see you.   |  |
| lai geen' nay.           | Shir.                          |  |
| Geoo' kui' yup lai       | Shall I tell him to come in?   |  |
| hoh' mah'?               |                                |  |
| M. Kui' jeuk' mut' yeh   | What clothes is he wearing?    |  |
| shaam' neh'?             |                                |  |
| S. Kui' jeuk' geen laan  | He is wearing a worn-out       |  |
| duen' shaam'             | jacket, an old pair of short   |  |
| jeuk' teoo' hau duen'    | trousers                       |  |
| foo'                     |                                |  |
| jeuk' dui' laan mut,     | and worn-out socks             |  |
| jeuk' dui' laan haaye.   | and shoes.                     |  |
| M. Aw! Nay wah kui' jee' | Oh! Tell him that.             |  |
| ngaw m' hai' shue' lah'. | I'm not in.                    |  |
| Conversation (2):        |                                |  |
| S. Seen' shaang' yau yun | Someone has come to visit you. |  |
| lai wun' nay.            |                                |  |
| Tseng' kui' yup lai      | Shall I invite him in?         |  |
| hoh' mah'?               |                                |  |
| M. Kui' jeuk' mee' yeh   | What clothes is he wearing?    |  |
| shaam' ah'?              |                                |  |
| S. Kui' jeuk' geen leng' | He is wearing a fine gown, a   |  |
| cheung shaam'            | new pair of trousers           |  |
| jeuk' teoo' sun' too'    |                                |  |
| jeuk' dui' leng' mut,    | and nice socks                 |  |
| jeuk' dui' leng' haaye.  | and shoes.                     |  |
| M. Aw Deem' gaayc' nay   | Oh! Why don't you invite him   |  |
| m                        | in immediately?                |  |
| dzik' huk' tseng' kui    |                                |  |
| yup lai neh'?            |                                |  |

## Filibuster On Filibusters

Washington, March 13.  
Leading Democratic Senators, who are trying to work out a compromise on President Truman's civil rights programme, which has split the party in two and blocked other legislation, adjourned their meeting today without agreement.  
A spokesman said afterwards: "We have reached no understanding but we believe we are making progress."  
The compromise talks began after the Southern Democrats, aided by the Republicans, had filibustered Mr. Truman's efforts to ban filibusters, by which legislation can be "talked to death."  
The talks will probably continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

## GOOD SIAM RICE

The Rice Controller announced yesterday that during the rationing period from March 16 to 20 a special issue of good Siam rice will be made, in lieu of A1 broken, at one catty a person at 60 cent a catty.

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## Abduction Sentence On Woman

Hong Hei-lin, aged 31, wife of a fisherman, was charged at Central yesterday with abducting a 14-year-old girl, So Sui-mui.

Inspector J. F. Galvin, prosecuting, stated that on March 2, during the absence of the girl's mother, Kwok Yat, defendant took So to Shumchun.

So escape to 10, Island Road, where her mother and defendant were co-tenants.

Defendant was arrested shortly after the girl's return.

Before Mr. W. H. Thomas, defendant pleaded that So willingly went with her to get a job.

Defendant's husband, So Fook, told the magistrate that he knew nothing about what she had been doing, because he was in hospital.

"I had provided her with what she needed before I went to the hospital," he said. "I don't think I would like her to come back, though we have been married only for two months."

She was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and recommended for life banishment.

## 'Red Fleet' On American 'War Plans'

London, March 14.  
The Russian Navy Journal "Red Fleet" declared today that the United States is creating strong naval positions at both ends of the Mediterranean Sea and digging in North Africa.

"These bases are meant as a springboard for aggression against the Soviet Union," it said.

The article, distributed here by the Soviet monitor, said that according to American plans Turkey must play the role of Eastern naval bridgehead, while Franco Spain is to play the part of a Western naval fortress.

The journal added that submarines and destroyers received from the United States have already dropped anchor at reconstructed naval bases in Alexandria, Merin and Izmir (all in Turkey).

"However, realisation of these aggressive schemes comes up against the growing resistance of the peoples inhabiting the Mediterranean countries. They do not intend the Mediterranean to become an American lake—Associated Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 19, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before April 3, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 21, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before April 6, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

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| "BENADRIEL"   | U.K.  | 2nd half Apr.    |
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| SHIP          | TO  | LOADING          |
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| "BENLEUCH"    | Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull. | 2nd half Apr.    |
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## BIGGEST EVER EXODUS OF FOOTBALL ELEVENS

London, March 13.

The biggest exodus of British soccer teams to all parts of the world will be witnessed at the end of the present season.

Almost daily, the English Football Association receives requests from League clubs for permission to make close season tours. Several Scottish and Irish clubs have also got the wanderlust.

Scandinavia appears a popular choice. Portsmouth, the team of the English season, are to tour Denmark and Sweden. Huddersfield, now making a gallant effort to extricate themselves from the First Division relegation zone, are also going to these two countries, and Holland as well.

Sweden will be the destination of Brentford if the London Second Division club can finalise plans, while Manchester City, the premier League side, are to visit Denmark.

Danish fans will probably miss the pleasure of seeing Frank Swift's wizardry in goal for he is considered certain to be chosen for the England team which will be touring the Continent at the same time.

### For Turkey

Derby County, Blackpool and Tottenham Hotspur are among the other clubs interested in invitations from Scandinavia. Dutch fans will have an opportunity of comparing the difference between English First and Third Division soccer for, in addition to Huddersfield, the little Northern club, Queen's Park Rangers, intend to pay a return visit.

Another London club, Charlton Athletic, who won the FA Cup in 1947, are also booked for Turkey to play four matches. Fulham, now engaged in a bold challenge for promotion to the First Division, are to visit Spain. Their invitation is in return for transferring their centre-half, Jack Watson, to the Real Club of Madrid.

Spain, too, may see Burnley and Chelsea, both of whom are considering offers. Incidentally, Barcelona City is reported to have invited Yeovil Town, the Cup "killing" team, to play in Spain for a fixture on March 27.

**American Tour**  
The other gaudy little Cup holders, Hull City, are going North to Iceland. The Cup holders, Manchester United, now at the top of their form, will not be seen on the Continent, for they have turned their attention West for a proposed visit to Eire.

One of the most widely travelled League sides, West Ham United, are anxious to make their 24th tour. They have so far played in 71 different Continental towns.

Swiss offers appeal to Liverpool, who last summer went across to Canada and the United States. North American tourists this year will be Newcastle United, the Irish club, Belfast Celtic.

South America, too, has sent out invitations. Mexico and Brazil have both made attractive offers to the League champions, Arsenal. Mr. Tom Whitaker, their manager, told Reuters that the Brazil offer probably will be accepted.

Cheltenham are also considering a trip to Brazil. Many other nations have requested the Football Association to arrange for clubs to visit them, so by the end of the season the list of tours is expected to be the greatest in the history of English soccer.

### New Dixie?

The famous cry "Give it to Dixie," always heard at Goodison Park, Liverpool while W.R. "Dixie" Dean led the Everton attack, may again be heard on a football League ground in a few years' time.

Geoffrey Dean, son of the celebrated England centre-forward, is showing much promise as an outside left for his school in Chester. He surprised even his father, now a Chelsea publican, by his accurate centering in a recent school match.

Dean is now impressing on his son the necessity of becoming expert in kicking with either foot, and not relying too much on his left leg.

Dixie Dean, an adept at scoring goals with his head, still holds the English League individual scoring record with 370 goals, scored from the seasons 1923-24 and 1938-39. His 60 goals in 39 League games in the 1927-28 season is a Division I record. In that season, Dean scored a total of 82 goals, including International, Cup and representative games.

James McGregory, of Glasgow Celtic, scored 410 goals in Scottish League football, and his total in all first-class matches was 550. Reuters.

## Football Fixtures

The following soccer games will be played during the coming week-end:—

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19.

#### 1st Division

Kit Chee v St. Joseph's; Navy 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linesmen: P. Collins and P. George.

Army v Navy; Sookumpoo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: R. M. Omar; Linesmen: D. P. Lai and A. Ribeiro.

South China "A" v Eastern; Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinnell; Linesmen: J. Day and Mak Young-Pai.

Kwong Wah v K.M.B. Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Pudley; Linesmen: A. F. Willis and H. Richardson.

Club v South China "B", postponed.

CAA (bye).

**2nd Division**  
Navy v Club; Navy 3 p.m.; Referee: P. Collins.

Army-HK v Dockyard; Sookumpoo 3 p.m.; Referee: D. P. Lai.

Kit Chee v PCA; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: J. Day.

CAA v W.D. Chinese, Boundary 3 p.m.; Referee: A. F. Willis.

K.M.B. v Solicitors; Chatham Rd. 3 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Davey.

St. Joseph's v Army-Ki; Army Barracks 3 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.

University v Tramways; Cancelled.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20.**  
Governor's Cup Final

HKFA v CNAAP; Club 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Linesmen: J. Ward and A.E.P. Guest.

(Duration of match will be 90 minutes. An extra time ten minutes each way will be played in the event of a draw.)

**2nd Division**  
South China v Taikeo; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

### JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jockey Club yesterday announced the following alteration to the Classification List:—

To Class 1 (Ponies of 1949): High Speed.

To Class 2 (Ponies of previous seasons): Seafire, The Chief.

To Class 5 (Ponies of previous seasons): Jeep King, Victrola.

To Class 6 (Ponies of previous seasons): A Grand Time, Jump Bill, Marber, Souvenir, Winder.

To Class 8 (Ponies of 1949): Forever Spring.

To Class 7 (Ponies of previous seasons): Al Fresco, Corrie Duo, Rosemarie, Sapientia, Strathnamara, Sulphur.

To Class 7 (Ponies of 1949): Busy Bee, Radiolator.

To Class 8 (Ponies of 1949): Hop Yick, Sharpshooter.

## Minor Alterations To Yacht Club Rules

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

The Sailing Committee has decided that since Saturday afternoons are no longer normally required for Team Events, races for the open Dinghy Halmann's Series shall be held except on Ladies' Race days (i.e. the third Saturday of each month).

A new notice, which incorporates all amendments, amplifications and additions to the Club handbook, will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board before Saturday. It includes certain minor alterations to present practice and will be in force forthwith. It cancels all other amending notices and instructions.

There has been a good response to the drive for more homes for the Star Halmann's list and nearly a dozen have been added this week-end. It is now to be hoped that the new recruits will start taking the boats out. The dinghies also have plenty of room for new blood. With many of the so-called tigers of the class sailing Redwings, now is an excellent time for the beginner to start his racing career.

A good many idols crashed in the Ladies' Race on Saturday which was won by Miss Blackmore. In the series one ties third with 82 points while Miss Dewar now shares the first place with Miss Spencer Cooper with 85.

The points scored in the Star series by those who have sailed two or more races are as follows: The number of races sailed is given in brackets:—

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Von Sydow  | 33 (8) |
| Yourieff   | 21 (3) |
| De Goede   | 13 (3) |
| Hecdering  | 11 (3) |
| Smith      | 11 (3) |
| Robertshaw | 9 (2)  |
| Kay        | 7 (3)  |
| Hancock    | 6 (2)  |

## Good Turn-Out For Fanling Matches

There was a good turn out at Fanling for the Captain versus Secretary Golf match, 28 a side playing. The result was very close the Secretary's side winning by 31½ to 27 points. Full details are given below.

The final of the mixed foursomes was also played and was won by Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown who beat Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Coombes by four and two.

Further matches were played in the Men's Foursome competition and this has now reached the semi-final stage with Messrs. Heath and Cowperthwaite to play Messrs. Bathurst and Barry in the top half and Messrs. Linaker and Smalley playing Messrs. W. C. Hung and Suen in the lower half.

Entries for the G.M. Young Cup close on March 20. The G.M. Young Cup presented by Mr. G.M. Young in 1927, to be a perpetual Challenge Cup and to be played for between teams (at present of four players) from any Bank or Firm; match play; all matches to be played out to the 18th hole; Singles and Foursomes; Singles to count one point and foursomes two. In the event of a tie on points the match is decided by holes.

The Ladies' Annual Meeting is being held at Fanling on Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22.

**SINGLES**  
CAPTAIN'S v SECRETARY'S  
0 Robb v Wallace ..... 1  
0 Gilman v Collins ..... 1  
1 Cowperthwaite v Bathurst ..... 1  
0 Cauley v Walker ..... 1  
0 Mitchell v J.B. Mackie ..... 1  
1 J.D. Mackie v Goldman ..... 1  
1 Morris v Barry ..... 1  
1 Suen v Duff ..... 1  
0 Stewart v W.C. Hung ..... 1  
1 Push v Ho ..... 1  
0 Douglas v Prophet ..... 1  
1 Linaker v Hunter ..... 1  
1 Carter v C.E. Robertson ..... 1  
1 Linaker v Sommerfeld ..... 1  
1 Redmond v Lydall ..... 1  
0 Heath v Bone ..... 1  
0 Gordon v Cleland ..... 1  
1 Sainsbury v D. Hung ..... 1  
1 Jackson v Stubb ..... 1  
0 Davidson v Tan ..... 1  
1 Alton v Whetton ..... 1  
0 MacIntyre v Bathurst ..... 1  
1 Wong v Pringle ..... 1  
1 Patterson v Miller ..... 1  
1 Kile v Chau ..... 1  
1 Wallen v Vauhan ..... 1

**FOURSOMES**  
0 Gordon-J.D. Mackie v Bathurst-Bathurst ..... 2  
21 Robb-Linaker v Wallace-Sommerfeld ..... 2  
1 Cowperthwaite-Heath v Lydall-Walker ..... 1  
0 Gilman-Redmond v Collins-Bone ..... 1  
1 Mitchell-Suen v J.B. Mackie-Goldman ..... 1  
1 Sainsbury-Sainsbury v de Pina-Whetton ..... 1  
2 Cauley-Jackson v Cleland-Pringle ..... 1  
0 Morris-Douglas v Tan-Probber ..... 1  
2 Stewart-Alton v Stubb-Ho ..... 1  
2 Davidson-Patterson v W.C. Hung-Miller ..... 1  
2 Balle-Patterson v D. Hung-Groves ..... 1  
0 Kite-Push v Duff-Nicholas ..... 1  
0 Lissaman-Wong v Hunter-Chau ..... 1  
0 Carter-Wallen v Robertson-Vaughan ..... 2

12 Singles Total ..... 171  
12 Foursomes Total ..... 14  
27 Grand Total ..... 185

**FRA MEETING POSTPONED**  
As only five referees turned up, the meeting of the F.A. (Chairman) and W. Gaffney (Hon. Secretary), the forthcoming meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association, postponed yesterday.

The meeting will be held tomorrow at the office of the Hong Kong Football Association in Prince's Building at 5.30 p.m. All referees who wish to attend at the Association's office at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow to select the present at the meeting.

**Mixed Doubles**  
The women's doubles title went to the Anglo-French team of Miss Nelly Landry and Miss Joy Gannon, who beat Lebanon's Miss Vera Matthe and Mrs. Mary Brown of Egypt, 6-3, 6-2.

Australia's Jack Harper and Germany's Baron Gottfried von Clamm won the men's doubles title by default as a result of the Czech player, Jaroslav Drobny, retiring from the championships with an attack of lumbago. United Press.

## Badminton Standards Showing Big Advance

London, March 14.

The Thomas Cup competition and the All-England badminton championships have taught all lovers of the game some valuable lessons, the chief among them being that the game, as it is played by the experts today, is far in advance of what it was before the war.

The average club player in Britain was flabbergasted by the brilliant play of the "masters" of today.

The following facts emerged from these events: First, that today as a nation, Malaya is number one, second, that the greatest player of today and of all time is Dave Freeman of the United States, third, that the Americans are going to be a threat to the world in this game, fourth, that the Danish women players are in a class by themselves, fifth, that the Indians are only a shade behind the Malayan rivals and lastly, that England, for decades the number one nation at this sport, has slipped.

Malaya had a close call against the United States at Glasgow and it was touch and go whether they won the inter-zone final. It has, however, to be taken into account that Wong was injured and below his best form and that Law struck an off day. Furthermore, the Malaysians must have been more affected by the change of climate than the Americans and doubtless in their own country, the men from Malaya, would have been even harder to beat.

There is the belief now in this country that the Thomas Cup has left the West for a very, very long time, the view being taken that the Malaysians will be unbeatable in their own country.

Of the spare, little Californian doctor, Dave Freeman, it can be said, and the Malaysians will readily agree, that he has no peer. He is not a man but a machine. He has every stroke, every perfection and his footwork and stamina is such that "what goes over comes back."

This lean player, a shade under six foot, is a natural player, whose skill has been increased by proper tuition and persistent training. He neither smokes nor drinks. Dr. Freeman is an extremely likeable man, modest and charming and while he has his little court peculiarities, like shouting "stupid" to himself when he becomes human and errs, these are extremely good, humorous and cause no offence.

He is a great sportsman as well as a great player. He has a great sense of humour and a sense of fun. He is a great sportsman as well as a great player. He has a great sense of humour and a sense of fun.

Both Martin Mendez and Carl Loveday in the singles, and Wynn Rogers in the doubles, were at times brilliant but they were like the proverbial curate's egg, "good in parts."

They had nothing like the consistency of their champion, nor the concentration, nor the fitness (not that they were untrained). Rogers was a very fine doubles player at his best, but he was erratic.

Obviously, a country which employs proper coaches, like America and makes a real effort to take the sport seriously, is going to be a real threat to any nation, no matter what the sport is.

**Tsuis Have Easy Win**  
The following are the results of yesterday's tennis games at the Cricket Club ground:

**COLONY OPEN DOUBLES**  
Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip beat Ho Ka-lau and Pang Oi-lam, 6-2, 6-1.

Tsui brothers beat D.J. Leonard and L.F. de Souza, 6-2, 6-1.

**B.T.M. CLUB SINGLES**  
B.T.M. Jones beat G.B. Smart, 6-3, 6-1.

P.H. Bonnerman beat A. Furrer, 6-1, 6-1.

R. Segalen beat Dr. H. Meyer, 6-4, 6-4.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
**COLONY OPEN DOUBLES**  
Court 1: F.M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues v Tsui brothers.

Court 2: Lee Yue-wing and Wong Shiu-wing v Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip.

**CLUB SINGLES**  
Court 3: J.D. Mackie v D. Nolan.

Court 4: B.T.M. Jones v P. H. Bonnerman.

Court 5: J.B. Hawthorn v R. Segalen.

Court 6: J.L.C. Pearce v M. Heenan.

**TURPIN LOSES**  
Trieste, March 13.

The Italian middleweight champion, Tiberio Mitri, defeated Belaluna middleweight, Empire titleholder, Dick Turpin, by points in a 12-round match here last night. Associated Press.

A meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow to select the present at the meeting.

**PULLING TO FIGHT BUCKS**  
When Bob Pulling, of the Royal Navy, and Ramsey Bucks, Lightweight Champion of Hong Kong and Shanghai meet in the ring at The China Fleet Club on April 2, boxing fans are likely to be treated to one of the best flat bouts of the season.

Pulling possesses an impressive record and during his stay in the Colony, has met all comers, irrespective of weight, height or reach. In all contests in which he has taken part, Pulling has proved his superiority.

The following is Pulling's record as a boxer in the Service: RNVR Champion of Great Britain (Featherweight Division 1938) and Lightweight Division (1938). South Division Champion of Great Britain (Lightweight Division 1939).

Mediterranean Fleet Lightweight Champion 1941/42. Inter-Services Welter and Middleweight Champion 1947/48. Rumour has it that this will be Pulling's last fight in the Colony as apart from the fact that he is getting on in years, he is due to leave the China Station in June 1949.

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## PULLING TO FIGHT BUCKS

When Bob Pulling, of the Royal Navy, and Ramsey Bucks, Lightweight Champion of Hong Kong and Shanghai meet in the ring at The China Fleet Club on April 2, boxing fans are likely to be treated to one of the best flat bouts of the season.

Pulling possesses an impressive record and during his stay in the Colony, has met all comers, irrespective of weight, height or reach. In all contests in which he has taken part, Pulling has proved his superiority.

The following is Pulling's record as a boxer in the Service: RNVR Champion of Great Britain (Featherweight Division 1938) and Lightweight Division (1938). South Division Champion of Great Britain (Lightweight Division 1939).

Mediterranean Fleet Lightweight Champion 1941/42. Inter-Services Welter and Middleweight Champion 1947/48. Rumour has it that this will be Pulling's last fight in the Colony as apart from the fact that he is getting on in years, he is due to leave the China Station in June 1949.

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